



## COVERSHEET

<b>Minister</b>	Hon Simeon Brown	<b>Portfolio</b>	Energy
<b>Title of Cabinet paper</b>	Consultation on proposed amendments to the Electricity (Safety) Regulations to expand the permitted voltage range for electricity supply	<b>Date to be published</b>	22 January 2024

<b>List of documents that have been proactively released</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Author</b>
October 2024	Consultation on proposed amendments to the Electricity (Safety) Regulations to expand the permitted voltage range for electricity supply	Office of Minister for Energy
23 October 2024	Amending the Electricity (Safety) Regulations to Expand the Permitted Voltage Range for Electricity Supply: Approval to Consult ECO-24-MIN-0241 Minute	Cabinet Office

### **Information redacted**

**NO**

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# Cabinet Economic Policy Committee

## Minute of Decision

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### Amendments to the Electricity (Safety) Regulations to Expand the Permitted Voltage Range for Electricity Supply: Approval to Consult

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On 23 October 2024, the Cabinet Economic Policy Committee (ECO):

- 1        **noted** that amending the permitted voltage range for electricity supply on low voltage electricity networks could defer or reduce network investment and support solar Photovoltaic uptake;
- 2        **noted** that the proposed increase in the regulated upper supply voltage limit is considered low risk, would be consistent with existing standards for appliances, and would align closer with Australia;
- 3        **noted** that the discussion document attached under ECO-24-SUB-0241 proposes increasing the regulated upper supply voltage limit from +6 to +10 per cent above nominal voltage;
- 4        **approved** the release of the discussion document for a consultation period of up to six weeks;
- 5        **authorised** the Minister for Energy to approve minor technical and editorial changes to the discussion document prior to publication;
- 6        **noted** that the Minister for Energy intends to report back to ECO with final proposals following consultation.

Rachel Clarke  
Committee Secretary

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**Present: (see over)**

**Present:**

Rt Hon Winston Peters  
Hon David Seymour  
Hon Nicola Willis (Chair)  
Hon Chris Bishop  
Hon Brooke van Velden  
Hon Simeon Brown  
Hon Erica Stanford  
Hon Paul Goldsmith  
Hon Louise Upston  
Hon Judith Collins KC  
Hon Mark Mitchell  
Hon Tama Potaka  
Hon Matt Docey  
Hon Simon Watts  
Hon Melissa Lee  
Hon Penny Simmonds  
Hon Chris Penk  
Hon Nicola Grigg  
Hon Andrew Bayly  
Hon Andrew Hoggard  
Hon Mark Patterson  
Simon Court MP

**Officials present from:**

Office of the Prime Minister  
Office of Hon Chris Bishop  
Officials Committee for ECO