



# **ELECTRICITY PRICE REVIEW**

**SUBMISSION FORM**

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## How to have your say

We are seeking submissions from the public and industry on our first report into the state of the electricity sector. The report contains a series of questions, which are listed in this form in the order in which they appear. You are free to answer some or all of them.

Where possible, please include evidence (such as facts, figures or relevant examples) to support your views. Please be sure to focus on the question asked and keep each answer short. There are also boxes for you to summarise your key points on Parts three, four and five of the report – we will use these when publishing a summary of responses. There are also boxes to briefly set out potential solutions to issues and concerns raised in the report, and one box at the end for you to include additional information not covered by the other questions.

We would prefer if you completed this form electronically. (The answer boxes will expand as you write.) You can print the form and write your responses. (In that case, expand the boxes before printing. If you still run out of room, continue your responses on an attached piece of paper, but be sure to label it so we know which question it relates to.)

We may contact you if we need to clarify any aspect of your submission.

Email your submission to [energymarkets@mbie.govt.nz](mailto:energymarkets@mbie.govt.nz) or post it to:

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## **Use of information**

We will use your feedback to help us prepare a report to the Government. This second report will recommend improvements to the structure and conduct of the sector, including to the regulatory framework.

We will publish all submissions in PDF form on the website of the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE), except any material you identify as confidential or that we consider may be defamatory. By making a submission, we consider you have agreed to publication of your submission unless you clearly specify otherwise.

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## Summary of questions

### Part three: Consumers and prices

#### Consumer interests

1. *What are your views on the assessment of consumers' priorities?*

I agree as per the report

2. *What are your views on whether consumers have an effective voice in the electricity sector?*

We do not have enough of a say

3. *What are your views on whether consumers trust the electricity sector to look after their interests?*

I have very little trust in the electricity sector

#### Prices

4. *What are your views on the assessment of the make-up of recent price changes?*

I think they are making excessive profits and are unfairly targeting residential users with their price increases

5. *What are your views on the assessment of how electricity prices compare internationally?*

*Looking at it I consider that given our almost abundance of hydro electric generation which is cheap we are paying way to much for our power*

**6. *What are your views on the outlook for electricity prices?***

It looks like we will continue to pay to much unless some regulation is put in place

**Affordability**

**7. *What are your views on the assessment of the size of the affordability problem?***

The assessment seems fair

**8. *What are your views of the assessment of the causes of the affordability problem?***

I think that the companies still need to run with a prompt payment discount or some people will not pay and then they will lose their power supply altogether

**9. *What are your views of the assessment of the outlook for the affordability problem?***

It is only going to get more difficult for households to pay their accounts unless prices remain the same or stop going up by so much as they have since deregulation

**Summary of feedback on Part three**

**10 *Please summarise your key points on Part three.***

Price increases have been excessive for residential customers since deregulation

### **Solutions to issues and concerns raised in Part three**

11 *Please briefly describe any potential solutions to the issues and concerns raised in Part three.*

The Government should offer interest free loans for the instillation of solar power and or battery storage, this money would be paid by repayment with rates over five years.

This would cut costs for the consumers

Reduce the need for major upgrades in the national grid

Reduce the reliance on our lakes being at certain levels to generate electricity

## **Part four: Industry**

### **Generation**

12 *What are your views on the assessment of generation sector performance?*

13 *What are your views of the assessment of barriers to competition in the generation sector?*

14 *What are your views on whether current arrangements will ensure sufficient new generation to meet demand?*

SEE ANSWER TO QUESTION 10

## **Retailing**

15 *What are your views on the assessment of retail sector performance?*

They don't look after their customers, They are suddenly interested in you once you threaten to leave

16 *What are your views on the assessment of barriers to competition in retailing?*

## **Vertical integration**

17 *What are your views on the assessment of vertical integration and the contract market?*

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18 *What are your views on the assessment of generators' and retailers' profits?*

SEE QUESTION 17

## **Transmission**

19 *What are your views on the process, timing and fairness aspects of the transmission pricing methodology?*

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## Distribution

20 *What are your views on the assessment of distributors' profits?*

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21 *What are your views on the assessment of barriers to greater efficiency for distributors?*

22 *What are your views on the assessment of the allocation of distribution costs?*

23 *What are your views on the assessment of challenges facing electricity distribution?*

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24 *Please summarise your key points on Part four.*

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## Solutions to issues and concerns raised in Part four

25 Please briefly describe any potential solutions to the issues and concerns raised in Part four.

## Part five: Technology and regulation

### Technology

26 *What are your views on the assessment of the impact of technology on consumers and the electricity industry?*

27 *What are your views on the assessment of the impact of technology on pricing mechanisms and the fairness of prices?*

28 *What are your views on how emerging technology will affect security of supply, resilience and prices?*

### Regulation

29 *What are your views on the assessment of the place of environmental sustainability and fairness in the regulatory system?*

30 *What are your views on the assessment of low fixed charge tariff regulations?*

I see that some regulation is required

31 *What are your views on the assessment of gaps or overlaps between the regulators?*

32 *What are your views on the assessment of whether the regulatory framework and regulators' workplans enable new technologies and business models to emerge?*

33 *What are your views on the assessment of other matters for the regulatory framework?*

#### **Summary of feedback on Part five**

34 *Please summarise your key points on Part five.*

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#### **Solutions to issues and concerns raised in Part five**

35 *Please briefly describe any potential solutions to the issues and concerns raised in Part five.*

#### **Additional information**

36 *Please briefly provide any additional information or comment you would like to include in your submission.*

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