



# **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?*

Absolutely stupid question! You want to hear why my power bill is high and you start with a stupid question that I don't understand!!

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

No we don't have

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

Not at all

#### Prices

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

Extremely obnoxious prices!

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

We are ripped off in NZ! Just compare the average wages and average power bills.

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

Don't understand the question. English please!

### **Affordability**

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

As above

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

As above

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

As above

## Summary of feedback on Part three

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

1. Electricity generation and sale is not a complex product/service. It is just AC current. There is no different sizes, qualities, colours or shapes for AC current. So why 50 companies to sell it?? Why do we need over 50 companies to retail it out to 2.0 million houses in a tiny country? Just imagine the salaries and wages of the employees of those 50+ companies, particularly CEOs and top managers. We can easily halve the cost of power just by closing 99% of those companies. NZ needs only 3 power companies going by the population – 2 for the north island and 1 for the south island.

## 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.*

Don't understand the question (DUQ)



## Part four: Industry

### Generation

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

Don't know (DK)

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

DUQ

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

DUQ

### Retailing

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

We don't need 50+ retailers for sure!!

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

DUQ

### **Vertical integration**

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

DUQ

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

They are ripping us off – for sure that I know!

### **Transmission**

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

DUQ

### **Distribution**

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

DK

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

DUQ

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

DUQ

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

Nothing!

## Summary of feedback on Part four

24 Please summarise your key points on Part four.

## 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.

Close down 50+ retailers. Just have 3 for the entire country!

## 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?*

DUQ

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

DUQ

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

DUQ

### Regulation

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

DUQ

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

DK

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

DK

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

DUQ

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

DK

## Summary of feedback on Part five

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

## 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.*