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Electricity Price Review – Stakeholder Update

Dear All,

I write with a brief update on the review's successful second round of stakeholder engagement – testing and developing the 41 preliminary options contained in our February 2019 paper.

Over the last four weeks, the review panel, project secretariat and I met with many of you to discuss ways we can improve New Zealand's electricity sector and address the problems identified in our first report.

We opted to take the time to hear many of your views in-person, through free and frank meetings and three cross-sector workshops, in addition to accepting formal written submissions. We will also be attending a meeting - one we have encouraged The Lines Company to convene in Te Kuiti next month - to try and develop some practical ways to address some of the particular problems consumers have in that network area.

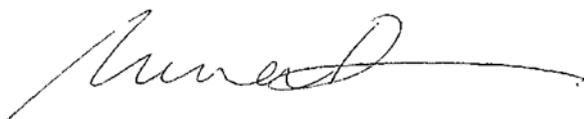
We greatly appreciate the time you have taken to help us develop an effective package of options that will inform our final recommendations to Government.

Submissions closed at midday on Friday 22 March, and we have received 141 written submissions, up from 108 on our first report. We aim to have these submissions available on the MBIE EPR webpage by Friday 5 April. In the meantime we know a number of you will post your submissions to your own website, or you could provide to your industry association to circulate, if you want to see other stakeholders' submissions before this date.

Over the next few weeks, we will be very busy reading your written submissions and preparing our final report. We will follow up any queries we have of your submissions, or where we may seek further input, and will appreciate any such additional assistance as we require.

Our final report will be delivered to the Minister of Energy and Resources in May 2019.

Kind regards



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Chair