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**Region**

Waikato

**Category**

Consumers, Consumer Groups and Advocates

**Do you accept these terms & conditions?**

Yes

**A1. Establish a consumer advisory council**

Yes, agree

**A2. Ensure regulators listen to consumers**

Yes, agree

**B1. Establish a cross-sector energy hardship group**

Yes, agree

**B2. Define energy hardship**

Yes, agree

**B3. Establish a network of community-level support services to help consumers in energy hardship**

Yes, agree

**B4. Set up a fund to help households in energy hardship become more energy efficient**

Yes, agree

**B5. Offer extra financial support for households in energy hardship**

Yes, agree

**B6. Set mandatory minimum standards to protect vulnerable and medically dependent consumers**

Yes, agree

**B7. Prohibit prompt payment discounts but allow reasonable late payment fees**

Only if the "Basic" rates decrease, otherwise there is no incentive to pay "On-time"

**B8. Seek bulk deals for social housing and/or Work and Income clients**

Not sure on this one

**C1. Make it easier for consumers to shop around**

Yes, agree

**C2. Include information on power bills to help consumers switch retailer or resolve billing disputes**

Yes, agree

**C3. Make it easier to access electricity usage data**

Yes, agree

**C4. Make distributors offer retailers standard terms for network access**

Yes, agree

**C5. Prohibit win-backs**

Yes, agree

**C6. Help non-switching consumers find better deals**

Yes, agree

**C7. Introduce retail price caps**

Yes, totally agree

**D1. Toughen rules on disclosing wholesale market information**

Yes, agree

**D2. Introduce mandatory market-making obligations**

Yes, agree

**D3. Make generator-retailers release information about the profitability of their retailing activities**

Yes, agree

**D4. Monitor contract prices and generation costs more closely**

Yes, agree

**D5. Prohibit vertically integrated companies**

Yes, agree

**E1. Issue a government policy statement on transmission pricing**

Yes, agree

**E2. Issue a government policy statement on distribution pricing**

Yes, agree

**E3. Regulate distribution cost allocation principles**

Yes, agree

**E4. Limit price shocks from distribution price increases**

Yes, agree

**E5. Phase out low fixed charge tariff regulations**

Yes, agree

**E6. Ensure access to smart meter data on reasonable terms**

Yes, agree

**E7. Strengthen the Commerce Commission's powers to regulate distributors' performance**

Yes, agree

**E8. Require smaller distributors to amalgamate**

Yes, agree

**E9. Lower Transpower and distributors' asset values and rates of return**

Yes, agree

**F1. Give the Electricity Authority clearer, more flexible powers to regulate network access for distributed energy services**

Yes, agree

**F2. Transfer the Electricity Authority's transmission and distribution-related regulatory functions to the Commerce Commission**

Not sure on this one

**F3. Give regulators environmental and fairness goals**

Yes, agree

**F4. Allow Electricity Authority decisions to be appealed on their merits**

Yes, agree

**F5. Update the Electricity Authority's compliance framework and strengthen its information-gathering powers**

Yes, agree

**F6. Establish an electricity and gas regulator**

Yes, agree

**G1. Set up a fund to encourage more innovation**

Yes, agree

**G2. Examine security and resilience of electricity supply**

Yes, agree

**G3. Encourage more co-ordination among agencies**

Yes, agree

**G4. Improve the energy efficiency of new and existing buildings**

May be somewhat difficult with houses built before 1960