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Region

Otago

Category

Do you accept these terms & conditions?

Yes

A1. Establish a new consumer advisory council

Yes

A2. Ensure regulators listen to consumers

B1. Establish a cross-sector energy hardship group

B2. Define energy hardship

Yes

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

Yes

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

B5. Offer extra financial support for households in energy hardship

Yes

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

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

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

Yes

C1. Make it easier for consumers to shop around

Yes

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

Yes

C3. Make it easier to access electricity usage data

C4. Make distributors offer retailers standard terms for network access

C5. Prohibit win-backs

Yes

C6. Help non-switching consumers find better deals

Yes

C7. Introduce retail price caps

D1. Toughen rules on disclosing wholesale market information

D2. Introduce mandatory market-making obligations

There must be safe guards in place to stop retailers ripping customers off with "better deals" and pushy sales people

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

D4. Monitor contract prices and generation costs more closely

yes

D5. Prohibit vertically integrated companies

E1. Issue a government policy statement on transmission pricing

There are people in many areas both rural and town are paying more for network, retail, and metering costs. These costs must be looked at.

E2. Issue a government policy statement on distribution pricing

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E3. Limit price shocks from distribution price increases

E4. Phase out low fixed charge tariff regulations

E5. Ensure access to smart meter data on reasonable terms

E6. Strengthen the Commerce Commission's powers to regulate distributors' performance

Yes

E7. Make more information available to beneficiaries of energy trusts

Yes

E8. Require smaller distributors to amalgamate

Yes. Not to big companies get too big and loose focus of customers

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

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

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

F3. Give regulators environmental and fairness goals

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

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

Yes

F6. Establish an electricity and gas regulator

Yes

G1. Set up a fund to encourage more innovation

G2. Examine security and resilience of electricity supply

Encourage and support solar panels on new built houses.

G3. Encourage more co-ordination among agencies

Yes

G4. Improve the energy efficiency of new and existing buildings

More solar panel on houses

From: Gary Wills
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Dear Review Panel,

I did the online submission form and forgot to put one item in the submission form.

The item for submission is: As electricity is an essential service, that power companies are exempt from doing credit checks as many people will miss out on cheaper and better deals due to not being able to pass a credit check.

Thank you for considering this and the opportunity to put in a submission for the report.

Yours Faithfully,

Gary Wills
Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10