**Template for submissions: Electricity Authority 2017/18 levy-funded appropriations and strategic priorities**

**Introduction**

This consultation runs from 25 October to 5:00 pm 6 December 2016.

We can receive submissions in electronic format emailed to submissions@ea.govt.nz with “**Consultation Paper—2017/18 Appropriations**” in the subject line.

This year we are also providing an option to submit via a survey format. The survey contains the same questions as this template. The survey is available at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HBS3MMK>

If you cannot send your submission electronically or complete the online survey, post one hard copy to either of the addresses below, or fax it to 04 460 8879.

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| Postal address | Physical address |
| Submissions  Electricity Authority  PO Box 10041  Wellington 6143 | Submissions  Electricity Authority  Level 7, ASB Bank Tower  2 Hunter Street  Wellington |

Please note the Authority wants to publish all submissions it receives. If you consider that we should not publish any part of your submission, please

* + 1. indicate which part should not be published
    2. explain why you consider we should not publish that part
    3. provide a version of your submission that we can publish (if we agree not to publish your full submission).

If you indicate there is part of your submission that should not be published, we will discuss with you before deciding whether to not publish that part of your submission.

However, please note that all submissions we receive, including any parts that we do not publish, can be requested under the Official Information Act 1982. This means we would be required to release material that we did not publish unless good reason existed under the Official Information Act to withhold it. We would normally consult with you before releasing any material that you said should not be published.

**Submission information**

1. Please enter the name of the organisation or group that you represent. NB If you are making a submission as a private individual, please enter "individual".

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1. Authority to act: I confirm that I am properly authorized to provide this submission on behalf of my organisation. Please indicate below the type of organisation you represent.

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| A levy-paying entity |  |
| A representative group |  |
| I am responding as a private individual |  |
| Other (please specify): |  |

1. Please enter your name.

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1. Please enter your position title if you are answering for a levy-paying entity or representative group. You do not have to complete this question if you are responding as a private individual.

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1. I am/we are also making a submission via the survey (the Authority will bring the responses together for publication).

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| Yes |  |
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1. Please provide your email address.

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**Your overall level of support**

1. Please indicate your overall level of support for the following:

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|  | Support | Partially support | Neutral | Oppose | N/A – do not have a view |
| Our strategic priorities (part 2 of the consultation paper) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Our programmes (part 2 of the consultation paper) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Our proposed appropriations (part 3 of the consultation paper) |  |  |  |  |  |
| The system operator proposed service enhancement projects (part 4 and appendix C of the consultation paper) |  |  |  |  |  |

You can provide comments below

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**The impact of the Authority’s work**

1. What is your view of the impact of the Authority's work on the following groups over the last six years:

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|  | Strongly positive | Positive | Neither positive or negative | Negative | Strongly negative | N/A – do not have a view |
| Electricity consumers |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Generators |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Retailers |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Transmission and distribution companies |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other (please specify below) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Your company / the group you represent |  |  |  |  |  |  |

You can provide comments below

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**Authority appropriations (part 3 of the consultation paper)**

1. Please indicate your level of support for our proposals for the following appropriations:

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|  | Strongly positive | Positive | Neither positive or negative | Negative | Strongly negative | N/A – do not have a view |
| Electricity governance and market operations |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Security management |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Electricity litigation fund |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Please explain why

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**Strategic priorities and programmes (part 2 of the consultation paper)**

1. Please indicate your level of support and provide comments on our proposed programmes.

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| Programme | Strongly positive | Positive | Neither positive or negative | Negative | Strongly negative | N/A – do not have a view |
| A: Evolving technologies and business models |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| B: Consumer choice and competition |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| C: Pricing and cost allocation |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| D: Risk and risk management |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| E: Operational efficiencies |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| F: Compliance |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| BAU: Monitor, inform and educate |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Comments

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**System operator proposed service enhancement project**

**Questions 11 to 16 relate to the System operator proposed service enhancement project for EDF Phase III (part 4 and appendix C of the consultation paper).**

1. Do you agree that a transition away from GENCO to a new dispatch facility is merited?

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1. Is a transition away from GENCO by December 2020 feasible? If you do not agree, what would be a feasible timeframe to transition away from GENCO?

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1. If you operate a GENCO, would you commit to transition away from GENCO if that were a requirement for this investment to proceed?

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1. Provided a new dispatch facility is being implemented, do you agree that the ‘Redundancy Option’ is an appropriate approach? If not, which alternate approach do you consider is appropriate, and why?

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1. Do you agree that the long term end benefits outweigh the investment cost and merit the proposed investment?

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1. Are there any other quantifiable of qualitative benefits that we have not discussed?

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**One final question**

1. Please provide any other comments you wish to make about this consultation.

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