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**Survey – Removal of Provision for South Island-only Official Conservation Campaigns (OCC)**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on the survey above.

Contact supports the Authority's initiative to remove the South Island-only OCC.

We agree that the power systems ability to transfer power from the North Island to the South Island has substantially improved since the Code was amended to manage the low storage situations in 2001, 2003, and 2008, and that the two islands are now coupled. We also agree that this initiative would remove any unfairness or confusion perceived by South Island consumers as to why they are separately targeted to manage what is effectively a low hydro storage issue driven by national energy consumption. We also support the ability to amend the Code under urgency and/or that Transpower make appropriate decisions where south transfer is restricted under planned or unplanned outage conditions that coincide with poor South Island storage.

If you require further clarification please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gerard Demler".

Gerard Demler  
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