



Submission by WEL Networks Limited on Electricity Authority's Consultation Paper - Retailer Debt Deferral Scheme

WEL Networks Limited (WEL) appreciates the opportunity to make a submission to the Electricity Authority (Authority) on its consultation paper: Retailer Debt Deferral Scheme. WEL is one of the six distributors subject to the Scheme.

WEL's responses to the questions posed in the consultation paper follow:

Q1 - Do you think the Scheme is currently needed to protect retail competition, or may be needed to protect competition prior to its expiry on 20 February 2021?

No. The Scheme is not needed to protect retail competition.

Q2 – Do you think the Scheme should be closed early?

Yes. The Scheme should be closed early.

Q3 – Do you agree with the objective of the proposed amendment? If not, why not?

Yes. WEL agrees with the objective (of the proposed amendment) to close the retail debt deferral Scheme.

Q4 – Do you agree the benefits of the proposed amendment outweigh its costs?

No comment.

Q5. Do you agree the proposed amendment is preferable to the other options? If you disagree, please explain your preferred option in terms consistent with the Authority's statutory objective in section 15 of the Electricity Industry Act 2010.

No comment.

Q6. Do you agree the Authority's proposed amendment complies with section 32(1) of the Act?

No comment.

Q7. Do you have any comments on the drafting of the proposed amendment?

No.

