

From: Steve O'Connor
To: Andy Doube
Cc: S9(2)(a); S9(2)(a)
Subject: Re: Electricity Authority: Letter to Chair Flick Electric
Date: Monday, 20 December 2021 12:03:05 pm
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Hi Andy

Thanks for your email and consideration on this matter.

This is an appropriate approach and outcome from our perspective.

Many thanks
Steve

On Mon, 20 Dec 2021 at 10:20, Andy Doube S9(2)(a) wrote:
Hi Steve

Given your assurances that the letter of 24 November 2021 has not been shared outside of Flick and after considering the concerns you have raised, we have decided not to proactively release it at this time. We have determined it is more important to maintain privacy in these circumstances, to encourage “free and frank” debate and participation.

As noted previously, the Authority may be required to release the letter in the event of future Official Information Act requests that cover the letter. In this situation, Authority staff will consult with you again before making a final decision as to whether to release it (and on necessary redactions).

Best Regards

Andy

From: Steve O'Connor S9(2)(a)
Sent: Wednesday, 15 December 2021 9:31 am
To: Andy Doube S9(2)(a)
Cc: S9(2)(a); S9(2)(a)
Subject: Re: Electricity Authority: Letter to Chair Flick Electric

Hi Andy

Thanks for your email.

We understood and appreciated that the discussions were private. We are also aware that there is understandable sensitivity around the review and that there are obligations for all within the process you are running.

I can confirm that Marcel's letter has not gone beyond our Company's walls. As a matter of course this has included our Board Directors (3) and Exec team (4) plus S9(2)(a).

I can also confirm that the letter is viewed as strictly confidential and that it will not be distributed outside of Flick nor any further within Flick.

Let me know if you need any more information and trust this helps.

Best wishes

Steve

On Tue, 14 Dec 2021 at 15:16, Andy Doube S9(2)(a) wrote:

Dear Steve

I am following up on Marcel's email to the Authority's Chair regarding the possibility of us proactively releasing his letter of 24 November 2021 and the EA Chair's subsequent response (attached) on 7 December 2021 to claims made in that letter. That letter mentioned the intention to publish both pieces of correspondence in the interests of transparency.

Private discussions with individual stakeholders are essential to enable the "free and frank" exchanges that provide the Authority with the information and context it needs to act in the long-term interests of consumers. However, the Authority also has statutory obligations that require it to be transparent to enable effective participation in policy-making and regulation and to promote accountability. Given these transparency obligations it is important to respond to any mistaken statements that could threaten perceptions of the Authority's independence and integrity.

To assist us in determining whether it is appropriate for the Authority to proactively release your letter, can you confirm who, in addition to the Authority and yourselves, has received or seen your letter of 24 November 2021 or extracts from it. It would be appreciated if you could provide this information to us by close of play Thursday 16

December.

I will then get back to you with our final determination on whether to proactively release your letter and our response to it. I recognise your letter has information that is confidential to you. If the EA determines to proactively release the letter, we will discuss with you the appropriate redactions prior to release. However, please note that regardless of the decision on proactive release, the Authority may receive a request for the letter under the Official Information Act. The Authority needs to consider each request on a case-by-case basis. If the Authority receives a request for the letter in circumstances where it has not already proactively released the correspondence, staff will consult with you before the Authority makes a final decision as to whether to release it (and on necessary redactions).

s9(2)(b)(ii) and s9(2)(ba)(i)

. Steve, it would be much appreciated if perhaps you could reach out to s9(2)(a) suggesting times that might work for you and your team to have such a discussion.

Best regards

Andy Doube

☐ Andrew Doube

General Manager Market Policy

s9(2)(a)

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From: Marcel van den Assum [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 10 December 2021 11:46 am
To: Nicki Crauford [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Letter to Chair Flick Electric

Kia ora Nicki

We acknowledge your comments about our letter and agree the Authority is undertaking a thorough consultation process before reaching any conclusions. Our understanding was that the meeting was informal, private and a 'free and frank' discussion between our respective Boards. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED].

Our strong preference is for our written exchanges to also be treated as private - we see no value in publishing our letter with our misunderstandings nor any value for others in being able to read the Authority's response. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Flick very much appreciates the constructive and ongoing engagement we have with the Electricity Authority, and look forward to future interactions at a Board level as we work to create a bright energy future for New Zealand.

In the meantime, wishing you and your team a safe and relaxing summer break.

Marcel

Marcel van den Assum
Chairman
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From: S9(2)(a)
Sent: Tuesday, 7 December 2021 5:38 PM
To: S9(2)(a)
Cc: S9(2)(a); S9(2)(a)
Subject: Letter to Chair Flick Electric

Good afternoon Marcel

Please find enclosed letter from the Electricity Authority Board Chair, Dr Nicki Crauford.

Warm regards

S9(2)(a)



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Board Secretary

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