

# Membership criteria – Distribution Connection Pricing Technical Group

## 1. Membership criteria

- 1.1. The Authority will appoint members to the DCPTG based on their level of knowledge and experience of network connections and specifically pricing of connections. The DCPTG will collectively have detailed knowledge and experience of, for example:
  - (a) the range of connection pricing practices across the distribution sector in New Zealand, including rate cards, cost-revenue calculations, thresholds, and reassignment policies
  - (b) commercial processes and terms for distribution connections, including for property developers, small connections, large connections, and connection upgrades
  - (c) vested asset practices and their relationship to connection and use of system pricing
  - (d) links between connection pricing and use of system pricing, included posted tariffs and special pricing
  - (e) distribution connection project cost structures, including links to network planning and growth and renewal investment
  - (f) the Code, including Part 6 Connection of distributed generation
  - (g) policies and standards that may influence network connections (eg, relating to security standards, congestion management, and operations)
  - (h) differences in practice between distributors who are exempt and non-exempt (from the Commerce Commission's price-quality regulation)
  - (i) distributor perspectives
  - (j) access seeker perspectives.
- 1.2. The Authority is not expecting an individual member of the DCPTG to have all the requisite knowledge and experience required of the technical group in aggregate.
- 1.3. The Authority will also consider a nominee's ability to consider the long-term interests of consumers, provide impartial advice, and contribute effectively to the DCPTG's tasks.