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Submissions
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Dear Sir/Madam

Proposed change to advisory group terms of reference to provide for staggered membership

Contact Energy Limited ("Contact") submits as follows:

Contact has no objection to the proposal to revise the terms of reference for the Authority's advisory groups to vary the appointment arrangements so that the terms of advisory group members may be staggered.

However, it may be worth providing that appointments can be staggered by allowing for them to be made at different times, as well as for different time periods. On this basis, the proposed wording¹ could instead read:

"Members may be appointed at any time (as long as there are no more than [9] Members at any time) and for any period of up to two years."

Yours sincerely



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¹ i.e. "Members are appointed for a period of up to two years."