



LYTTELTON ENERGY TRANSITION SOCIETY

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The Lyttelton Energy Transition Society (LETS) welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed reforms to the Distributed Generation Pricing Principles (DGPPs).

LETS is a community organisation working in Whakaraupō Lyttelton Harbour to achieve local energy independence, sustainability and affordability. Through local projects, public engagement, and collaborations with other community organisations, we are working to install solar in Project Lyttelton's building and to improve the existing solar installation at Lyttelton Primary School. Community projects with distributed generation have greater impact because the benefits can be extended to the wider community and neighbours, and support overall energy affordability and resilience.

We support the Electricity Authority's intention to reform the DGPPs to better reflect the costs distributed generation (DG) can impose on networks, and the benefits DG can provide to the electricity system. We believe this reform presents an important opportunity not only to improve network pricing efficiency, but also to enable broader community participation in New Zealand's energy transition. LETS encourages the Authority to recognise that DG is not only an opportunity for individuals but a community asset to support local resilience hubs with shared benefits. Resilience hubs with community owned solar and batteries can support neighbours during outages or emergencies, shared benefits can help reduce energy hardship especially in times of fuel crisis, and it is an opportunity to lead, educate and inspire others.

We encourage the Authority to ensure the pricing methodologies also encourage the potential electricity exchange among local community projects and neighbours within these same feeders or local infrastructure. We hope the pricing signals also benefit community-led energy initiatives.

Ngā mihi nui,

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