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Definition of small business Code amendment proposal

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Kia ora

Thank you for the opportunity to submit on this amendment. This submission is made in my capacity as an individual homeowner. It does not reflect the views of my employer.

- I do not support the 45kVA connection limit or 45kW maximum generation capacity limit as it would restrict many small and medium sized businesses and o
- Many of the community organisations and businesses that would be excluded from accessing the peak distribution export tariff would not be well-placed to
- The peak export tariff will provide a fair incentive for customers to include battery storage with investment in distributed generation like solar. Combining loc
- The cost of networks and our electricity grid is important to consider because it makes up well over 30 percent of our household electricity bills and is expect
- In our rural communities solar and batteries on farms is a win-win for farmers and the local community. It can provide a valuable revenue stream for farmers
- These unnecessary limits on who receives peak distribution export tariffs would be a step in the wrong direction and a missed opportunity to support custom
- If the Authority wishes to create a limit it should be set to include all customers with up to 1MW of generation capacity. This is a sensible level that includes
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Incentivising storage alongside solar investment for all customers through a peak distribution export tariff that provides a fair payment reflecting the long run cost of avoided network investment would increase benefits to all customers.

Having previously worked on a project supportig marae to respond to climate change, I know that many marae are interested in having greater energy resilience. Since marae are often in isolated, rural areas they are subject to fairly frequent black outs. Solar would provide them with an affordable and resilient power source and enable them to act as community hubs during natural disasters. This amendment will likely make the process of adopting solar too complicated for many marae. Please consider raising the limit to 1 MW.

Best wishes

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