

Climate Justice Taranaki Submission to the Electricity Authority

Consultation: Maximising benefits from local electricity generation

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1. Founded in 2010 and incorporated in 2015, Climate Justice Taranaki (CJT) is dedicated to environmental sustainability, social justice and inter-generational equity - our collective ethical responsibility to current and future generations, human and non-human. Our vision is underpinned by Te Tiriti o Waitangi, the founding document of government in Aotearoa New Zealand. Composed of a broad range of people with varied expertise and life experiences, CJT has engaged with the government at all levels on numerous matters.
2. CJT is supportive of the Electricity Authority's proposal¹ to raise the default export limit to 10kW for small scale distributed generation. It will be an incentive for households to install additional generation and storage capacity to enable export and help reduce demand on the grid. It could be a step towards easing energy hardship, with other supportive policies.
3. CJT also supports setting bespoke export limits for producers such as larger households, community groups (e.g. sports clubs), marae, papakainga, small businesses and small rural properties wanting to install and potentially export over 10kW to the grid. It is critical that any assessment used to determine the bespoke limit is robust, transparent and fair, with the goal of incentivising distributed production and ensuring transmission capacity is fit for purpose.
4. CJT agrees with inverters using the Australian voltage response settings as default, and mandating the use of the latest inverter performance standard for low voltage distributed generation.
5. CJT would like to see additional measures to support community energy storage, trading and sharing which would maximize self-use of locally generated electricity, ease the burden/demand on the grid and lower the associated costs on network infrastructure.

¹ <https://www.ea.govt.nz/projects/all/network-connections/consultation/maximising-benefits-from-local-electricity-generation/>