

Your feedback on the Electricity Authority's funding for 2025/26

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Summary of information submitted

Who are you submitting as?

Small or medium business

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1. Which of the proposed funding options do you support for our Electricity Industry Governance and Market Operations appropriation?

Option 3: System operator and inflation uplift +\$7.8 million.

2. Which of the Authority's activities are top priority for you, and which other activities do you think should be traded off against these priority activities?

At a high level my top priorities would be: ".Accelerate the implementation of the ECTF recommendations and • Accelerate the implementation of the MDAG recommendations. "

I would be happy to see: "Review of Financial Transmission Rights funding model" traded off against these priorities.

At a more detailed level I would like to see the focus of the work: "Explore regulatory changes and remove barriers that may support small consumers to participate in demand response flexibility markets and sell excess energy back to the grid (in addition to the Energy Competition Task Force) " move more towards how efficient distribution pricing (ideally time of use and location specific distribution pricing) might support this work. Specifically because as currently scoped it won't really reward small consumer demand flexibility for where it helps delay distribution level investment.

5. If you have any other comments on the Authority's levy consultation, please add those here

Overall I support the Authority's work and the regulatory direction it is headed in to help enhance the welfare of the NZ electricity consumer during the energy transition. It is important work and I would not like to see it delayed in any way. If anything my criticism of the Authority is that it is not moving fast enough in some areas, see my comments below regarding distribution pricing reform.

Written submission and/or supporting documentation

The Authority intends to publish all submissions. Are you happy for the Authority to publish your submission?

Yes
