

Outlook

Re: Network Connections Brief - 20 July 2026

From Tim Martin [REDACTED]
Date Wed 2026-07-29 7:45 PM
To Connection Feedback <connection.feedback@ea.govt.nz>

Hi. Thank for your reply. I found the questions on the survey covered areas which did not have an opinion on. The core issue for me is the lack of competitive pricing for developers to manage and the time it takes to get responses and action from powerco.

If it's possible I am ok with my email being the submission

Regards
Tim

On 29 Jul 2026, at 1:45 PM, Connection Feedback <connection.feedback@ea.govt.nz> wrote:

Good afternoon Tim

Thank you for taking the time to provide feedback.

I just wanted to clarify if you would prefer to either, have another go completing the submission form (please see attached copy, hopefully with the formatting issues addressed), or, if we should consider your email as a submission to the [Further reform of distribution connection pricing: Issues paper consultation?](#)

Naku noa, na

Network Pricing team

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From: Tim Martin <[REDACTED]>
Sent: 24 July 2026 5:35 PM
To: Connection Feedback <connection.feedback@ea.govt.nz>
Subject: Network Connections Brief - 20 July 2026

Hi, I could not edit the word document as there were multiple columns that could not be reformatted.

The feedback that I would like to provide is that the core issue of new connection decision making is that the distributor gets to decide the design without input from external parties and in addition the contract is awarded to one of the distributors nominated contractors without the ability of the developer to obtain individual quotes from contractors.

Regardless of whatever guidelines are put in place by the authority, there is a clear lack of competitive practise with the new system by excluding contractors from providing individual design and individual quotes for new connections.

The system is intrinsically flawed and no matter what oversight or guideline protocols are applied, the pricing will never be competitive. The penalty of this oversight is placed on developers and as a result the cost to individual property owners hoping to build their own home or commercial premise.

Can somebody please explain why the authorities have allowed distributors to remove competitive pricing from individual contractors from the process pre April this year. It appears to me that the changes made have fallen heavily in favour of the distributors at the expense of developers

Regards

Tim Martin

