

A new way to generate your own electricity?

We want to hear your views

Do you rent your home, live in an apartment, or otherwise find you can't install rooftop solar but would like to?

If so, plug-in generation, sometimes called balcony solar, could make small-scale electricity generation more accessible to you in the future.

Plug-in generation systems are designed to connect directly to a power outlet rather than being permanently installed like traditional rooftop solar. While these products are not currently allowed in New Zealand, if the Government decides to permit plug-in generation systems, we want to understand how consumers might use them and get important information they would need, before

we consider any future changes to our regulations (the Electricity Industry Participation Code).

Unlike traditional rooftop solar, a plug-in generation system could potentially be plugged in and used without professional installation.

If the system generated more electricity than was being used at the property, some of that electricity could flow back into the local electricity network.*

Our interest is in making sure electricity networks and the wider power system continue to operate safely, reliably and efficiently as technologies like plug-in generation become more common.

That's why **we're seeking feedback.**

We want to understand consumer expectations, opportunities and potential challenges before these technologies become available in New Zealand.

Have your say here

*assuming your home is connected to a distribution network (ie, the Code does not apply to the use of plug-in generation if the property is off-grid).

