

Outlook

Feedback on DA

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To Connection Feedback <connection.feedback@ea.govt.nz>

General feedback is that EA must get on with it, this whole process it taking far too long and NZ consumers are disadvantaged compared to other countries with more forward looking regulators. DA as a whole should never have been banned in the first place, just specific unsafe products

Specific feedback is

1. At the conclusion of this consultation, EA must publish sufficient information, standards, codes or guidelines that DA systems can immediately become available in the NZ retail market.
2. Connecting DA should require no application process whatsoever. The systems must be plug and play for the consumer.
3. Grid export is a mandatory requirement just as Grid import is required, household load and generation are often not in balance.
4. Key to regulation is to enable standard models that are available in high volume markets across the world. NZ does not have the scale to demand specific models. Customers expect off the shelf products. Electrical systems are not that different, make the regulations suit overseas experience and products.
5. With regard to proposal 5 if it does go ahead: We have seen that building consent authorities and other monopoly entities regularly wait to the end of the period to ask questions from applicants. Ensure that for Proposal 5, the Distributors are directed to ask questions early (on receipt of the application or within 2 business days) and can restart the clock to consider information if they left questions to the last minute.

Cheers

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