



24 August 2021

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By email: infoframework@ea.govt.nz

Dear Matthew

**Re: Consultation Paper-Improving the framework for the
Authority's information gathering**

Flick appreciates the opportunity to submit on the Electricity Authority's (Authority) proposals to improve the framework for gathering information from participants.

We note that these proposals relate to information the Authority intends to request for monitoring and receive on an ongoing basis.

Flick supports the proposals. We expect the proposed consultation process will enable any interested participant to provide the Authority with useful information about the availability of information, the available information that would best achieve the Authority's objectives for the information request, the operational costs of extracting this information on a regular basis and the best format for delivering quality and consistent information.¹ We hope that these benefits exceed the costs incurred in undertaking a consultation process. We support the fact the proposed Code amendment includes the requirement to consider and balance the value of the information to the Authority with the costs of providing information as additional costs are ultimately borne by electricity consumers.

Yours

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James Leslie".

James Leslie
Chief Operating Officer

¹ In particular, we are pleased this consultation process will be applied to review the type and value of the information request of retailers that was initiated during the COVID-19 lockdown.