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Dear Warwick,

**RE: Concerns with Default Distributor Agreements and consultation timeline**

Thank you for your letter dated 17 December 2020 to the Authority.

**Request to delay the publication of the Default Distributor Agreement for smaller distributors**

The Authority has previously received a similar request from ERANZ to extend the deadline of 15 February 2021 for smaller distributors to publish their Default Distributor Agreements. The Authority would need to make an urgent Code amendment to extend the deadline and it is unclear how doing so would meet the public interest test as set out in section 40 of the Electricity Industry Act 2010.

Please see further information on the Authority's response to ERANZ:

<https://www.ea.govt.nz/development/work-programme/consumer-choice-competition/default-distribution-agreement/correspondence/correspondence-relating-to-2/>

**Request to standardise provisions relating to customer information for purposes outside those in Appendices A and B**

You have also requested the Authority consider the standardisation of certain provisions instead of leaving retailers and distributors to negotiate bespoke agreements. This will require a Code change. To undertake this process, the Authority will require more information on this matter and suggest the Code amendment proposal form be completed. This form can be found on our website at: <https://www.ea.govt.nz/code-and-compliance/the-code/amendments/amending-the-code/>.

This letter will be published on the Electricity Authority website. If you have any questions or concerns about this letter, please contact me at [joey.au@ea.govt.nz](mailto:joey.au@ea.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely



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