

From: Kirsty Hutchison
Sent: Mon, 26 Feb 2024 09:01:29 +1300
To: Luke Archer; Rob Bernau; Reuben Irvine
Subject: RE: Electric Kiwi - call tomorrow - please respond - urgent

Hi Luke and Reuben,

Further to my email below, I have made a few edits to a draft response to EK that Rob had prepared earlier. Could you please let me know whether you are comfortable with this response back to EK regarding their request for a joint call today to discuss the PID.

“Kia ora Huia

As flagged in Rob’s email yesterday, I am responding to your question about whether the Comcom will be joining our call about the PID later today. We have followed up with Luke Archer and Reuben Irvine, but their view and ours is that it is too early at this stage for them to join this discussion about the PID. However, we are happy to discuss this further at 12:30pm.”

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Apologies – the perils of replying via my phone. I intended to say that I will send a response to EK but will run a draft past you Luke.

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Hi Luke
Are you happy to reflect your comments (ie too early for a joint call at this stage as you are still engaging on the PID internally) back to EK? Happy to test a draft email with you this morning if you prefer.
Thanks
Kirsty

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From: Luke Archer [Section 9(2)(a) Privacy]
Sent: Monday, February 26, 2024 8:12:06 AM
To: Rob Bernau [Section 9(2)(a) Privacy]; Reuben Irvine [Section 9(2)(a) Privacy]
Cc: Kirsty Hutchison [Section 9(2)(a) Privacy]
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Hi Rob

Thanks for your email. Presume it's 12:30pm today (Monday) you're speaking with EK?

We spoke with them last week (it was actually quite a productive and helpful discussion) and they didn't mention this potential joint call. Presume it has been triggered by the publication of the PID on Thursday. I think our view is that we're probably still a bit too early to have a joint call, especially as we haven't yet discussed our comments on the draft PID with the EA team.

I think we'd prefer to sit this one out today if that's alright.

Also - the paper we promised you is with the relevant folk for signoff. Hoping to get it to you soon! When we send it through we can tee up a call to discuss.

Ngā mihi
Luke

Luke Archer
Principal Investigator

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From: Rob Bernau [Section 9(2)(a) Privacy]

Sent: Monday, February 26, 2024 2:35:15 AM

To: Reuben Irvine [Section 9(2)(a) Privacy]; Luke Archer [Section 9(2)(a) Privacy]

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Tēnā kōrua Reuben and Luke

Has Huia Burt from Electric Kiwi been in contact with you about joining a call with us tomorrow?

They want to discuss the Authority's PID (as released last week:

[Risk Management Review PID final.pdf \(ea.govt.nz\)](#)), and suggested inviting Reuben on to the call in a short email we received late on Friday. Based on that email I understand that they are wanting to discuss what input you are providing into particular PID questions/objectives, and whether that lines up with what was set out in the "not opening an investigation" decision document that the Commission recently released.

I have said to Electric Kiwi previously that we are not conceptually opposed to having both the Commission and Authority on a call, but I do have some concerns about what they suggested on Friday.

Can you please let Kirsty and I know whether they've been contact with you and, if so, whether you have a view? Based on her outlook calendar, Kirsty is available (on 022 127 1396) from 9-9:30am tomorrow if you want to discuss. I'm also happy to talk from 11am onwards. We are talking to Electric Kiwi at 12:30pm, so it would be good to have communicated before then.

Thanks very much, and sorry for initiating this by email (generally a poor form of urgent communication).

Ngā mihi

Rob Bernau
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