

The Electricity Authority invites your feedback on our funding for 2026/27

Electricity underpins the livelihood of all New Zealanders

Everything we do aims to ensure consumers have access to **affordable** and **reliable** energy to power our homes, lives, businesses and economy.

Our ambitious programme of work for 2026/27 is focused on delivering these two core outcomes, underpinned by a competitive and efficient electricity system that works for the long-term benefit of consumers.



82%

increase in electricity demand by 2050

(Baseline 2023, MBIE)

The Authority's funding underpins an electricity sector worth \$23.8 billion

We are funded by the Government through a levy on industry participants. It's on-charged through your electricity bill – about 0.5% of a typical monthly household bill. In 2025/26 our total operational funding was \$119.7 million.

Each year, we invite feedback on our funding and how it will be used to inform our request to the Government.



62%

of Authority appropriation funding pays for market operation service providers

Funding proposal for 2026/27

To deliver value for money for levy payers, **we propose to absorb up to \$3.2 million** in expected cost increases in 2026/27 for the enforcement of level playing field rules* and inflation-related increases to the Authority's own operating costs.

We also propose to absorb expected costs as a result of the Government's commitment to strengthening the Authority following the Frontier report.

We **propose a small increase** to our levy funding to cover contractually-obligated inflation increases for our third party service providers. These service providers make up almost two-thirds of our costs.

This will mean an overall increase in our levy funding of only **\$0.3 million** next year.

Electricity levy 2026/27

We propose to increase the electricity levy **by less than 0.3%** across all consumers next year*

⬆ **3 cents per year**

on the average annual **household** bill of \$2,466 per year**

⬆ **34 cents per year**

on the average annual **commercial** bill

⬆ 0.28% increase for **industrial** consumers***

*These levy calculations are based on estimated current volumes and may vary over time.
** MBIE statistics. ***Industrial consumers vary widely in electricity use so we have included a percentage increase.

Have your say by 16 December 2025



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* Subject to consultation and Board decision

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