

Electricity Networks Aotearoa Annual Report

1 AUGUST 2024 - 31 JULY 2025



Image: Te Puna Mauri ō Omaru, Northpower's community-owned solar farm

A note from our Chair & CE

Kupu whakataki

Tēnā koe. This year has been one of significant milestones and deeper collaboration for ENA. A key focus was our engagement in the Default Price-Quality Path (DPP4) process – a major regulatory reset that sets revenue limits for lines companies for the next five years. ENA worked hard to ensure the outcome recognised the real cost pressures faced by the sector – including inflation and rising interest rates – while also allowing for essential investment to maintain and upgrade New Zealand’s electricity networks. The final decision, released in November 2024 by the Commerce Commission, acknowledged these needs, while keeping a close eye on consumer impacts.



Nigel Barbour
ENA CHAIR

At ENA, our strength lies in working together. This year we’ve placed even greater emphasis on collaboration – both with our members and with the wider energy sector. While our core role remains firmly in electricity distribution and connecting homes and businesses to power, we know that to deliver affordable, reliable and low-emissions electricity for all New Zealanders, we must work together as a sector. No one part of the system can do it alone.



Tracey Kai
ENA CE

This is one reason we signed up to the new 'Energy Transition Framework.' The Framework brings together 32 orgs – with more as observers – from generators and retailers to distribution companies and consumer representatives. The Framework will help us tackle the challenges and collectively transform and decarbonise the energy system for Aotearoa. Importantly, it commits us to sharing both the responsibility and the progress – in a way that’s transparent and accountable.

We’re grateful to the ENA Board for their support and strategic guidance throughout the year, helping us shape priorities that reflect the needs of the sector and the communities it serves. We also want to thank our members and the many working groups across lines companies that engage with us every day. The quality and depth of feedback we receive truly strengthens our advocacy. And of course, we want to recognise and thank the ENA team for the passion and hard mahi behind every milestone in this report. With just six people, we’ve produced a huge amount of work – including 53 submissions lodged on behalf of the distribution sector this year alone.

Looking ahead, a key focus for ENA is continuing to act as an enabler – helping foster greater collaboration and standardisation across the sector. Lines companies already work together extensively, and we’re proud to support this collaboration. By creating even more opportunities to align processes and share learnings, we can help drive efficiency and keep costs as low as possible for consumers.

The challenges are real – but so is the opportunity. With genuine collaboration across the energy sector, we can build a resilient, secure and affordable electricity future for Aotearoa.

Nāku, nā.

Our year at a glance

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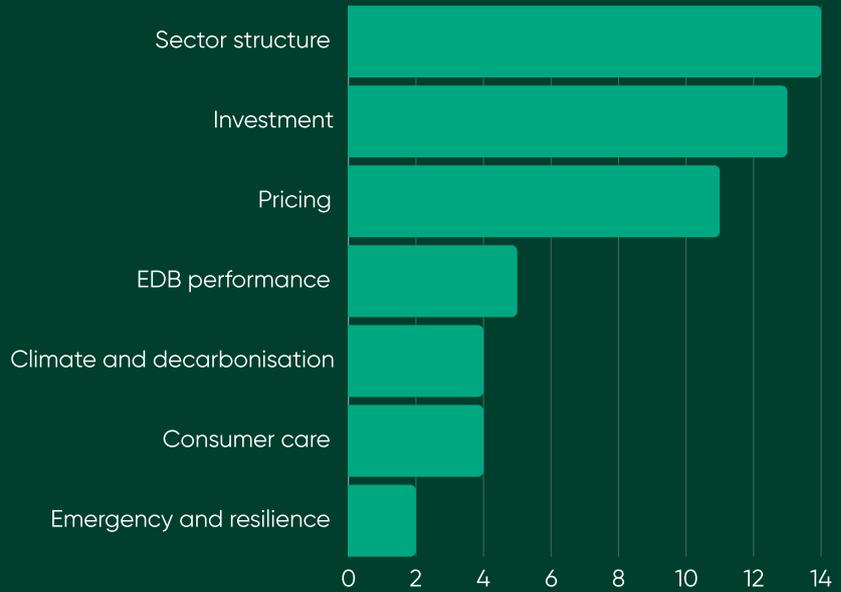
Submissions

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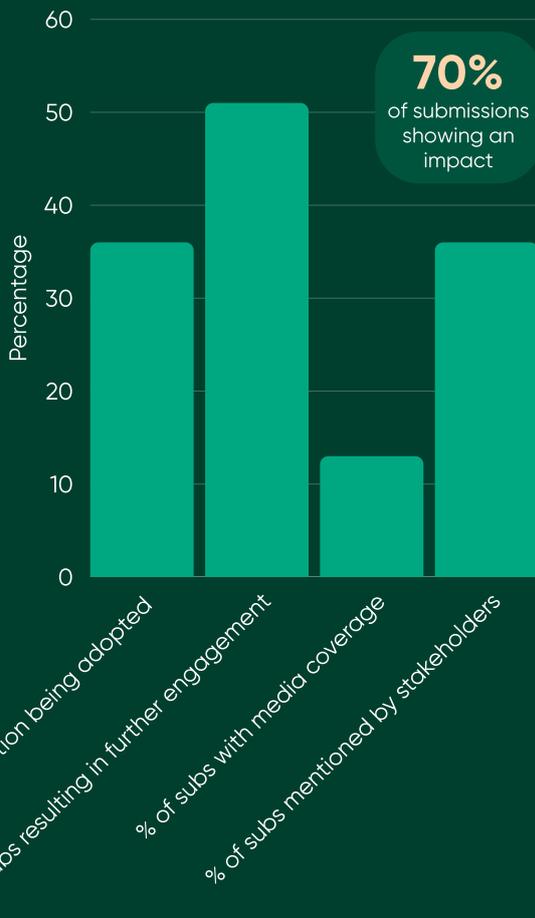
Submissions were made by ENA.

We make our voice heard so that the electricity distribution sector has the right regulation and policies in place to deliver reliable, sustainable and affordable electricity to all New Zealanders.

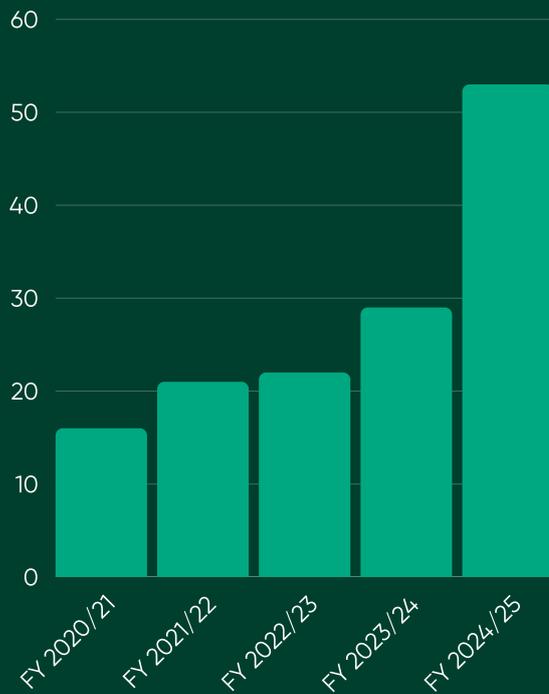
Submissions by topic



Impact of submissions



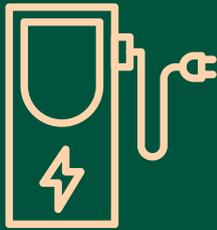
Submissions over time



Our year at a glance

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Key reports



South Island EV journey charging

Alongside South Island EDBs, we engaged DETA Consulting to forecast demand and potential sites for EV journey chargers in the South Island. At a maximum – only around 107 additional 50kW journey chargers are required for the South Island. We are now undertaking a similar report for the North Island to get a good plan for the whole country.



Potential Distribution System Operation (DSO) models for Aotearoa.

With the Future Networks Forum, we commissioned a report that explores potential DSO models for Aotearoa. It sets out possible paths for how DSO could evolve here and raises the key questions we'll all need to grapple with as DER (like EV chargers, batteries and solar) continue to take off. We're not claiming to have the answers – but we think these options are a good place to start the kōrero.



Briefing to the Incoming Minister

Hon Simon Watts was appointed Minister for Energy in February 2025. Our briefing set out strategic priorities, including ensuring regulatory settings keep pace with New Zealand's transition. The briefing covered urgent issues such as rising temporary traffic management costs and the urgent need for changes to tree regulation. It was designed as a practical roadmap for the Minister's first 100 days.



Cost of working in the road corridor for lines companies

This report was commissioned by ENA and undertaken by BECA. It looks at the rising costs of Temporary Traffic Management (TTM) for lines companies. The data highlights that, on average, the costs of temporary traffic management per day has increased around 208% from 2019 to 2024.

Our year at a glance

1 AUGUST 2024 - 31 JULY 2025

LinkedIn stats

4,514 Increased
41%

Followers

204,012

Impressions

4,630 

Reactions

Newsletter stats

11

Newsletters sent

62% Up from
45%

Average open rate

931 10,163
total sends

Subscribers 

Media



27 appearances in the media
compared to 13 last year.



Stakeholder satisfaction



95% of members say they get value from being a member of ENA. 1% say they don't get value and 4% were unsure.



We asked lines companies what they value most about being a member. The five most popular answers were:

- > engaging with and collaborating with govt, regulators and other externals (85%)
- > helping EDBs collaborate and share best practice with each other (77%)
- > writing submissions (64%)
- > hosting engagements with regulators (55%)
- > providing policy and regulatory advice (54%)

4.2



We asked if ENA contributes to a positive reputation for the electricity distribution sector. We got an average score of 4.2 out of 5 stars (this is up from 3.9 in 2024)

124 people participated in our stakeholder survey. 83% of participants work for a lines company.

Our year at a glance

1 AUGUST 2024 - 31 JULY 2025

International study tour



New Orleans, USA
1-6 June 2025



26 attendees:
Chairs, CEs, GMs
from lines
companies



Met with 7 energy
organisations and
regulators



Attended the Edison
Electric Institute
Conference 2025

Transitioned to default price-quality path decision (DPP4)

In November 2024, the Commerce Commission announced its final decisions to increase revenue limits for local lines companies and grid owner Transpower. It recognised the significant investment required to maintain and upgrade New Zealand's electricity network over the coming years and the rising cost of inflation since the last DPP was set five years ago.

ENA engaged thoroughly with the DPP4 process to ensure that the outcome allowed EDBs to invest in their networks, was appropriately adjusted for inflation and rising interest rates, and kept the costs to consumers as low as possible.

Price-quality regulated lines companies transitioned to DPP4 from 1 April 2025. On average, the distribution component of household electricity bills will increase by about \$10 per month (\$120 annually) for the first year of the period. After the first year of the regulatory period, household electricity bills will increase on average by about \$5 per month. By 2030, it is estimated that the average monthly power bill will cost about \$30 more than in 2024.

We're very conscious of the impact of these investment costs on New Zealand consumers – big and small – as they flow through to electricity bills. However, if we put off investment now, it will mean even higher prices down the track and could lead to less reliable electricity and a network that's not able to keep up with demand growth. We only need to look at other sectors, such as water, to see the consequences of not adequately pricing, maintaining and growing essential infrastructure. We believe the Commission's decision reached the right balance in promoting long-term consumer interests and helping ensure Kiwis receive value for money.

Collaborating across sector so consumers would get simple and consistent information

In the lead-up to the DPP4 decisions, we worked with the Commerce Commission, Electricity Authority, ERGANZ, Transpower and MBIE to develop a plan for clear, consistent messaging to consumers. We shared this with lines companies to help ensure as many consumers as possible understood the upcoming price increases, why they were happening, and what to expect.



How we've tracked against our strategy

We published a strategic plan for three years, starting in the financial year 2023/24. It sets out our key priorities and direction to support the electricity distribution sector in the transition to a low-carbon, electrified economy for Aotearoa.

The rest of the annual report describes our mahi over the past year and tracks this against the strategy we set out to achieve.

The traffic light icons indicate – at a glance – how we are going for each of the key priorities.

- Green indicates complete or on track.
- Amber indicates movement but not as fast as intended.
- Red would indicate a block or behind schedule.

The big picture



VISION

A low-carbon economy enabled by reliable, safe and affordable electricity networks.



PURPOSE

The ENA supports its members in leading the transition to a low-carbon, electrified economy for the wellbeing of our communities.

We are the voice of the distribution networks.



VALUES

Transparency; frank and open communication

Integrity; honesty and fairness

Commitment; to serve our members and stakeholders by operating to the highest level of professionalism

Change, for good; together, we're doing the mahi to power our clean energy future

Climate. Āhuarangi.



Goal:

Network businesses are part of the solution to meet the challenge of a net carbon zero New Zealand by 2050.

KEY PRIORITIES

PERFORMANCE INDICATOR

<p>Build a resilient reputation for ENA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create and implement a strategic communications and engagement plan for ENA that aligns with our three strategic goals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CLIMATE - decarbonisation narrative (including resilience) CUSTOMER - energy wallet (including energy poverty) COLLABORATION - workforce (including diversity and inclusion) 	
<p>Network Transformation Roadmap</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitor delivery of the Roadmap via the Future Networks Forum 	
<p>Continue to support ENA members on issues of climate change & resilience</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scenarios 2050 Report DPMC resilience work - provide submissions and stay connected to this work with Te Waihanga Network Resilience Working Group MBIE - tree regulations 	

Changes to ensure EV chargers for homes to have smart capabilities

For several years, we've been advocating that EV chargers sold in Aotearoa 'must' have smart capabilities. This would help make sure that EV chargers can communicate with other devices and unlock the ability for consumers to easily shift their electricity use away from peak times.

In November 2024, Cabinet published a proposal "to enable demand flexibility capability requirements to be set for energy-using products, services and systems." And in July 2025, a consultation was released to enable change. While we will not see a decision in this financial year, it's looking likely that we are heading in the right direction.



Network Transformation Roadmap

We originally launched the Network Transformation Roadmap (NTR) in 2019. It was created in anticipation of the role that lines companies would play to enable the transition to a low-carbon future. These were designed to assist lines companies to build for the new energy future. These actions are to be implemented over a ten-year period to 2030.

With the rapidly changing landscape of electricity here in Aotearoa, the roadmap needs to be kept up to date for it to be useful. It was reviewed and updated again in 2022.

The Future Networks Forum Steering Group has been developing proposals for key projects to take forward the strategic intent of the NTR, and these are being considered by the ENA Board at the time of publishing this annual report.

South Island EV journey charging report

We worked with DETA to look at how many more public EV journey chargers we need in the South Island. The study shows that the South Island will only need around 107 more 50kW journey chargers by 2030 to meet peak demand.

If a quarter of the population needs just over 100 more chargers, it's possible the national number of extra journey chargers needed may be close to 500. While we're only looking at 'journey' chargers here – and not destination charging – it's certainly not getting close to the 10,000 public chargers the Government is aiming for across the country.

That's not to say we don't need more chargers – we absolutely do. But we must be smart with where we put them and why. Overbuilding doesn't help anyone (especially not consumers who help to foot the bill). The report helps to identify where these journey chargers are needed – and an approximate cost to connect them to the network.

We're now working with North Island lines companies to explore a similar study so we can build a national picture of what EV journey charging really looks like. That will be done in late 2025.



Customers. Kiritaki.



Goal:

Networks are trusted, and we engage with customers, regulators and stakeholders to deliver reliable, affordable, low-carbon electricity.

KEY PRIORITIES

Support customer focused pricing reform

PERFORMANCE INDICATOR

- Develop and tell the 'energy wallet' narrative
- Work with ERGANZ, Gentailers and MEUG to develop customer personas to inform decision making and innovation
- Address connection pricing
- Government support for a 'just transition' for disadvantaged groups
- Oversee the phase out of LFC's and the administration of the PowerCredits scheme



Relationships with local & central government, other associations & advocacy groups

- Provide co-ordination across members on regulatory and policy matters
- Grow connections with regulators and central government
- Trusted relationships with other associations and advocacy groups
- Membership to key sector groups



Revised voltage limits a win for customers

On 13 June 2025, the Government announced it will expand the statutory low voltage range from 230 volts $\pm 6\%$ to $\pm 10\%$. This 4% difference can help clear the way for more rooftop solar, greater exporting limits, and smarter use of the grid.

ENA and engineering and policy experts across the lines companies have been advocating for this for several years. This change unlocks real benefits for consumers:

- Homes will be able to export more solar, with modelling showing this could boost solar investment and generation by 507 GWh (that's a decent boost at around 1.3% of the country's total annual electricity use).
- It brings us more in line with Australia and international norms – most appliances and gear are already built to handle this range.
- It supports more options for generating and storing electricity closer to where it's used.

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Affordability

Electricity must be affordable. And we need to make sure we have reliable and sustainable electricity for all New Zealanders. Striking the right balance to make sure we are investing in our electricity system, and keeping it as affordable as possible for consumers, is critical.

Here are some things that ENA has done over the past year to advocate for affordable electricity for everyone in Aotearoa.

- Through our members, we are proud to help fund the **Powercredits scheme**. The scheme supports low electricity-use households finding it hard to pay their power bills as the Low Fixed Charge Tariff regulations are phased out. The scheme is financed by all lines companies and participating electricity retailers. It's a fund that provides \$1M per year to help consumers who have been on the low fixed charge regime and are experiencing energy hardship. On 9 April 2025, the Minister announced that lines companies and retailers have agreed to extend the Power Credits Scheme out to 2032.
- In early 2025, we surveyed lines companies to find out what they were doing to support consumers in energy hardship. The response was inspiring and we gathered information of nearly 50 initiatives and 45+ partnerships across the motu. There was a clear indication that good mahi was happening – but also a clear opportunity to share this mahi around all the lines companies. That's why **we set up the EDB Energy Hardship Forum**. It's a collaborative space where lines company staff can share and learn from each other about effective initiatives happening in communities. At the end of this financial year, we have 36 members from 17 lines companies and we are hoping to see these numbers grow.
- We continue to bring organisations together across the wider sector to ensure that we are **communicating simply and consistently to New Zealand consumers regarding electricity prices**. A new group was set up before winter 2025 to ensure that we can quickly and easily share any risks we see for consumers and discuss how we can ensure consistent information about power as we head into winter. We also continued working with several agencies across the sector and government to ensure that consistent and clear information was provided to consumers about the effects of DPP4 and price rises from April 2025.
- We participated in an **energy wellbeing wānanga**, led by the Electricity Authority, in Oct 2024 and May 2025. We commit to attending any further wānanga if they go ahead.

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Affordability continued...

- We are constantly **advocating for changes to tree regulations**. In 2024, lines companies spent over \$67 million on vegetation management including pruning and felling trees that obstructed lines and infrastructure. This cost is making electricity more expensive for consumers. Consultation and discussions around changes have been regular over the past year. On 29 April, Minister Simon Watts announced changes to the Electricity (Hazards from Trees) Regulations 2003 during his address at the annual ENA/ERGANZ networking event. The new regulations, announced in response to years of industry advocacy, will aim to give lines companies the authority to proactively manage hazardous trees near power lines. We are very grateful to have open discussions about changes and the effects they will have. However, we still think there is a lot more to do to help lines companies keep the power on – and reduce costs for consumers. Advocacy about changes to the tree regulations will continue.
- We asked **Beca to research the cost of temporary traffic management for lines companies**. It shows that the cost of temporary traffic management per day has increased by around 208% from 2019 to 2024. The report forecasts that the average cost per day for temporary traffic management is expected to rise from \$785 in 2019, to \$2,947 in 2026 – an increase of around 275% over the period. These added expenses make running lines companies more expensive, and ultimately, drive up power prices for consumers.



Image: AI's interpretation of Aotearoa covered in cones.

This report gives us a national benchmark for the cost that lines companies pay for temporary traffic management when working in the road corridor. ENA plans to repeat the report in 18-24 months to assess how the new approach to temporary traffic management is tracking.

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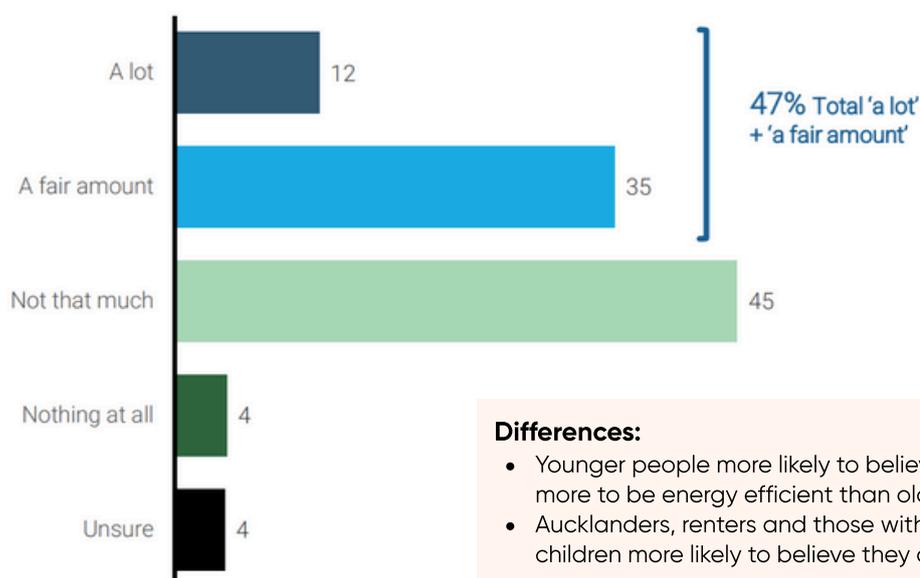
Consumer research

In July 2025, we undertook consumer research to better understand how active consumers want to be with the electricity plans. We found that:

- A strong majority of New Zealand households (78%) report paying significant attention to their electricity use, indicating a high baseline of declared engagement. This will be impacted by the current high cost-of-living and winter energy bills.
- Nearly half of respondents (47%) believe they can still do 'a lot' or 'a fair amount' more to reduce electricity use and save money. However, 45% feel there is 'not much' more they can do and 4% that there is 'nothing' they can do, suggesting a ceiling effect where many households believe they've already maximised their savings potential.
- To justify a \$1,000 investment in energy efficiency, nearly two-fifths of respondents (39%) expect annual savings of over \$1,200. Only 4% would be satisfied with annual savings of \$240 or less.
- A substantial number (21%) are unsure what level of savings would make the investment worthwhile.
- Just over half (54%) 'believe' they know their local electricity lines company. However, only 47% of this group correctly named a lines company and 44% mistakenly identified a retailer or generator instead—highlighting widespread confusion about industry roles. A quarter of the total sample could correctly name their lines company.

We want to understand consumers better and will be exploring different research options in 2026.

How much more can you do to be more energy efficient and save money on your electricity bill?(%)



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Study tour: New Orleans

In June 2025, ENA held its second international Study Tour. It was all about learning from others to improve value for customers. 26 people – mainly CEs, Chairs and GMs of lines companies – took part in the tour in New Orleans, USA. The group attended the Edison Electric Institute 2025 Conference and met with EEI, AECOM, Portland General Electric, KPMG US, Entergy, CenterPoint Energy, and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.



Image: Edison Electric Institute 2025 Conference.

Here are some key insights:

Key theme	Insight	NZ implication
Resilience	Move from reactive to proactive investment in resilience	Targeted storm hardening, undergrounding
Technology	AI, drones, and digital twins increase reliability	Adopt narrow, high-value AI use cases
Market reform	Vertically integrated utilities outperform on cost	Consider reforms to support integration
Customer strategy	Value-focused narrative matters	Invest in community engagement and education
Capital efficiency	Smart tools drive better investment	Implement project prioritisation frameworks
Workforce	Shortages are universal	Clear vocational pathways and a plan to retain and retrain existing workforce

Image: Study tour 2025 participants.



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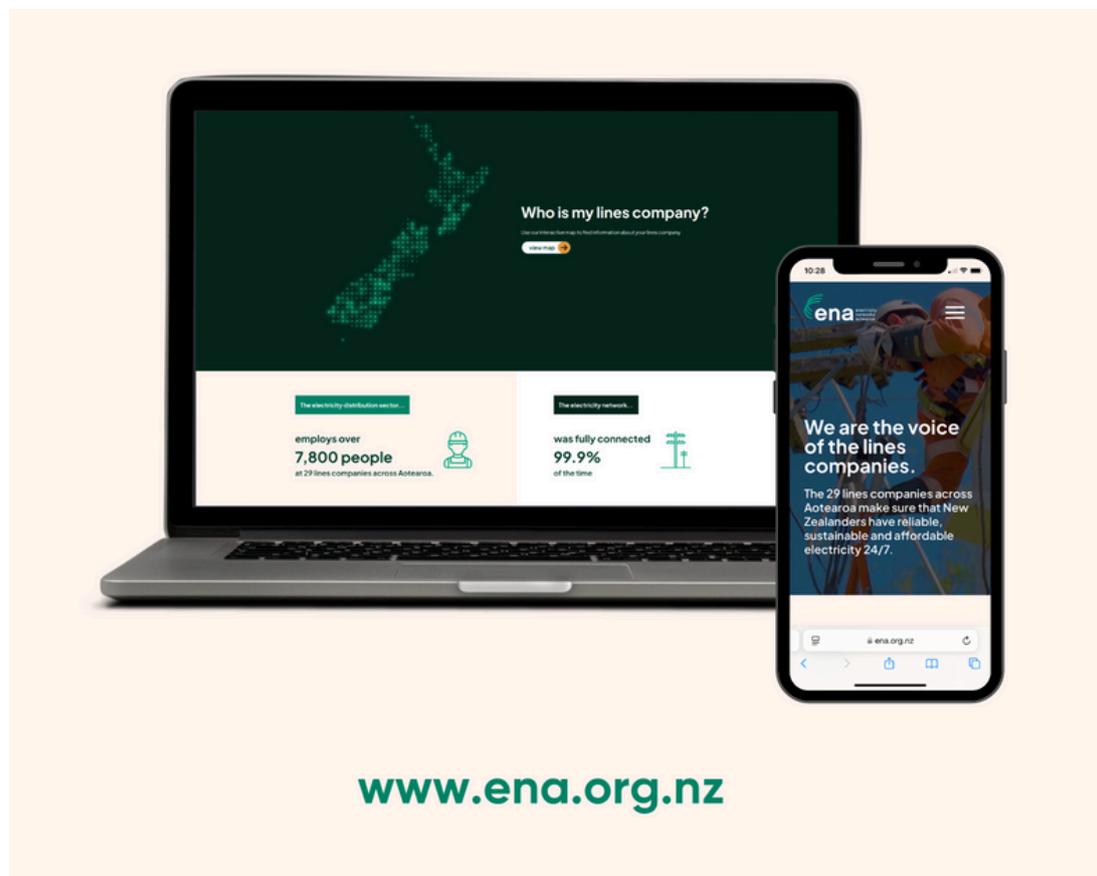
ENA's new digital home

In February 2025, we launched a refreshed ENA website. Our goals were met, which were to ensure that the new digital home:

- was much more user-friendly with a better information architecture
- had more content on the public-facing website – and less hidden behind members' login
- better showcased the distribution sector on the front page so that our stakeholders and visitors easily understood the role of networks
- was more modern, engaging and met all accessibility standards.

We used AI to streamline the content migration of hundreds of submissions. And we even built our own AI integration which means all future submission uploads are quick and easy.

A big thank you goes to Tom Hovey from Diagram, who helped us with the strategy, and to PS Digital, who did the design and build.



Collaboration. Mahi ngātahi.



Goal:

We take a 'whole of electricity sector' approach. We work with generation, transmission, and retailers, as well as regulators and government, to support the critical role of networks in decarbonisation for the long-term benefit of consumers.

KEY PRIORITIES	PERFORMANCE INDICATOR	
Workforce	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workforce Capacity and Capability Review - delivery of report and implementation of appropriate and feasible recommendations - working with EDB HR Managers group, Transpower and EEA • Join Champions for Change - develop an energy coalition • Member of Ngākau Hihiko (formerly Mana Wāhine) 	
Energy Sector & Government Decarbonisation Framework	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation and member of the Framework 	
Powering Change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation and member of the Framework 	
Engagement activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regulatory Working Group • Future Networks Forum • Evolve the Consumer Reference Working Group • Establishing working groups and forums as required (and ensuring they are disestablished when retired or appropriate) 	
Grow our digital connection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refresh the ENA website and digital channels - our messages in our channels first • The website is the 'front door' to ENA and a resource that people go to when they want information about networks and electricity decarbonisation 	

Collaboration. Mahi ngātahi.



Future Network Forum

The Future Network Forum (FNF) is helping to align lines companies to create efficiencies for all EDBs, sector stakeholders, and most importantly, electricity consumers. It's about coming together to harness the collective power of lines companies to help Aotearoa reach its climate goals. It's identifying areas where EDBs can collaborate, share best practice and align processes. The outcome will see greater productivity, cost savings, and better customer experiences for those organisations who work with lines companies, including those looking to get connected.

FNF is an initiative led by us at ENA. It's co-chaired by James Tipping from Vector and Andrew Kerr from Alpine Energy. The steering group, and members of the projects, are drawn from various EDBs across the country. There are also representatives from Transpower and the EEA within some of the projects to ensure strong alignment with other sector initiatives.

The FNF holds three innovation forums per year. Early July 2025 saw the seventh innovation forum. Over this past financial year, the forum has led and delivered the following projects:

- **Connections journey mapping.** This is about aligning EDBs' processes to improve the connections journey for customers. The project members are working closely with the Electricity Engineers' Association and the Electricity Authority (who are also doing work in this space) to ensure that the projects align nicely so we can create real improvements in the customer connections journey. The project has delivered six of the 13 actions to improve the connections process and now EDBs are working on implementing those within their businesses. These are:
 - connections self-serve manual
 - connection FAQs
 - connections introduction guide
 - connection journey steps
 - pre-application EDB manual and pre-application customer template
 - glossary (link to ENA website, also linked in implementation instructions).
- **Aligning EDB capability, roles and functions to enable distributed flexibility.** This project was set to improve understanding and alignment between EDBs on the capability, roles, functions and industry architecture to enable distributed flexibility. This will help to deliver maximum value to Aotearoa's electricity consumers. This project paired international research with significant engagement with our domestic lines companies to determine what new capability, roles, functions we need to enable flexibility here in Aotearoa. Stage two of this FNF project was about evaluating the industry architecture and models for distribution system operation (DSO) to fulfil the roles and functions. It sets out possible paths for how DSO could evolve here in Aotearoa and raises the key questions we'll all need to grapple with as DER (like EV chargers, batteries and solar) continue to take off. The final report was made publicly available in May 2025.

Collaboration. Mahi ngātahi.



Future Network Forum continued

- **Customer segmentation.** This project is building a shared understanding, amongst line companies, about who our customers are, their current and future needs, and the pain points in their customer journeys – which EDBs may be well-placed to address. This is a core foundational piece, and will ensure a customer-centric approach to FNF's ongoing prioritisation and work programme. This year, the project focused on segmenting and better understanding both residential and business customers – including their likelihood to adopt things like solar panels, batteries or EVs, and to take part in flexibility services.



Images: FNF Innovation Forum in March 2025.

- **Creating a common load management protocol.** With more retailers managing load across distribution networks, we urgently need a common protocol in place for how load is managed in network and grid emergencies. Different load management rules across Aotearoa would increase complexity and the risk of error. A consistent approach will help ensure a continuous, reliable supply of energy for all consumers. Therefore, a common Load Management Protocol will benefit consumers, EDBs and retailers. This project aims to provide a common set of terms for how retailers and EDBs coordinate their load management activities in instances of network and grid emergencies. Load management will include hot water and also other load such as EV chargers. As of July 2025, the second draft of the protocol was being consulted on with lines companies, retailers and metering equipment providers.

In March 2025, Sam Elder stepped down as FNF co-chair. Her leadership helped shape the FNF into a space of genuine collaboration and action. She was thanked for her outstanding contributions to the FNF and the wider sector. That same month, we welcomed Andrew Kerr as the new co-chair. Andrew had been a key member of the FNF steering group and joined fellow co-chair James Tipping to help lead the forum.

A shared need across the sector and a joint letter

On 30 August 2024, we partnered with other leaders from the energy and resources sector to sign a joint letter urging political leaders to join forces on a critical issue: the future of New Zealand's energy. The letter urges all political parties represented in the House to set aside differences and work collaboratively to develop a shared framework. It might be blue-sky thinking, but we think that by agreeing on core principles, we can create a stable environment that attracts investment, meets the needs of communities, and drives us towards a net-zero carbon future.

Collaboration. Mahi ngātahi.



Signing up to the Energy Transition Framework

The energy sector announced an 'Energy Transition Framework.' It's a collaborative commitment to ensure the energy system in Aotearoa remains secure, affordable, and fit for a high-growth, low-emissions future.

The Framework brings together 32 orgs – with more as observers – from generators and retailers to distribution companies and consumer representatives. The Framework will help us tackle the challenges and collectively transform and decarbonise the energy system for Aotearoa. Importantly, it commits us to sharing both the responsibility and the progress – in a way that's transparent and accountable.

Everyone who has signed on (including ENA) has helped to set a clear work programme, and progress will be tracked against measurable outcomes.

Sector networking event

On 29 April 2025, we held the ENA and ERGANZ (Electricity Retailers' and Generators' Association of New Zealand) networking event.

Ngā mihi nui ERGANZ (formerly ERANZ) for partnering with us again. We keep this joint event going because there is a pressing need for us all to work better together. We manage different parts of the system. But we're all working hard for the same people. And New Zealanders across the country need us to share priorities and goals so we can provide affordable and reliable power to homes and businesses.

Hosting Minister Simon Watts was a real privilege. And it was a welcome surprise to hear him announce long awaiting changes to tree regulations at our event.



Image: Energy Minister, Simon Watts, announced long-awaited changes to tree regulations at the ENA/ERGANZ networking event.



Image: Bridget Abernethy, Simon Watt, Nigel Barbour and Tracey Kai at the ENA/ERGANZ networking event.



Submissions.

Tuku kōrero.

We analyse, research and put our thoughts and recommendations forward to agencies. We do this so that the electricity distribution sector has the right regulation and polices in place to deliver reliable, sustainable and affordable electricity to all New Zealanders. Creating submissions requires a lot of collaboration with our members. We work closely with representatives from across lines companies on many different groups including the regulatory working group, distribution pricing group, tree regulations group and the resource and environmental planning group.

Ngā mihi nui to everyone that sits on these groups. We appreciate the engagement and collaboration so that we can be confident in advocating for all our members.

Here is a snapshot of the 53 submissions we did over the year.

Due date	Submission
'14/08/2024	Making it easier to build granny flats
'15/08/2024	Amendments to information disclosure requirements 2024
'15/08/2024	Proposal to amend the Electricity (Hazards from Trees) Regulations 2003 to address 'out-of-zone' tree risks
'21/08/2024	New Zealand's second emissions reduction plan
'23/08/2024	HVDC Submarine Cable Replacement and Enhancement Investigation
'28/08/2024	Innovation and non-traditional solutions workshop
'31/08/2024	DPP4 - cross submission
'03/09/2024	CROSS SUB for Amendments to information disclosure requirements 2024
'04/09/2024	Regulatory Systems (Immigration and Workforce) Amendment Bill
'10/09/2024	Amendment to the Electricity Industry Participation Code 2010 that will mandate the Consumer Care Guidelines
'12/09/2024	Proposed changes to the Vocational Education and Training (VET) system
'01/10/2024	Code Review Programme number 6 (ea.govt.nz)
'04/10/2024	Amendments to input methodologies (insurance)
'10/10/2024	Exploring a consumer data right for the electricity sector
'15/10/2024	Code amendment omnibus #4



Submissions (cont).

Tuku kōrero.

Due date	Submission
'31/10/2024	Have your say on work health and safety
'01/11/2024	Input methodology washups
'07/11/2024	Aurora's Capacity Event Reopener draft decision
'08/11/2024	First steps in improving outage coordination
'12/11/2024	Part 8 Code amendment proposal – Part 1
'12/11/2024	Addressing common quality information requirements
'29/11/2024	Submissions sought on update to scarcity pricing settings
'29/11/2024	Review of statutory low voltage settings
'06/12/2024	'Distribution connection pricing' consultation
'06/12/2024	'Network connections project – Stage one' consultation
'10/12/2024	National Infrastructure Plan
'23/12/2024	CROSS SUB: connection pricing
'23/12/2024	CROSS SUB: connection process
'13/01/2025	Regulatory Standards Bill
'23/01/2025	Reopeners and other IM changes
'24/01/2025	Aurora WACC update draft decision
'10/02/2025	Resource Management (Consenting and Other System Changes) Amendment Bill
'12/02/2025	CROSS SUB - Reopeners and other IM changes
'21/02/2025	Local Government water services Bill
'26/03/2025	Energy Competition Task Force consultation – Initiative 2A – Requiring distributors to pay a rebate when consumers supply electricity at peak times

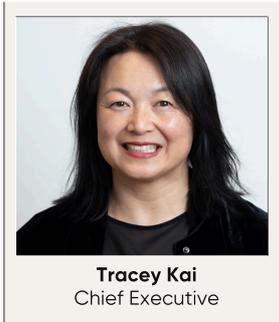


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Due date	Submission
26/03/2025	Energy Competition Task Force consultation - Initiatives 2B+2C - Improving pricing plan options for consumers (retailers)
'03/04/2025	Distributed Generation Pricing Principles - Issues paper
'11/04/2025	CROSS SUB - Taskforce initiative 2a
'17/04/2025	CROSS SUB - distributed generated pricing principles
'29/04/2025	Fibre IM review open letter
'13/05/2025	Strengthening New Zealand's emergency management legislation
'19/05/2025	IRD consultation on taxation of amounts paid to households selling excess electricity
'04/06/2025	EA green paper on decentralisation
'06/06/2025	INTSA guidance
'20/06/2025	HVDC link upgrade - shortlist consultation
'25/06/2025	Mutual transactions of associations
'03/07/2025	Rewarding industrial demand flexibility
'10/07/2025	Our future is digital
'17/07/2025	Commerce Commission – draft decision on Vector's DPP3 catastrophic event reopener
'27/07/2025	Package 1: Infrastructure and development – Discussion document. National Environmental Standards for Electricity Network Activities (NES-ENA)
'27/07/2025	Package 1: Infrastructure and development – Discussion document. National Policy Statement for Electricity Networks (NPS-EN)
'29/07/2025	Evolving multiple retailing and switching
'31/07/2025	Battery energy storage systems roadmap

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