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Peter Harris
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Dear Peter,

Electricity Market Design Review: Issues Paper Consultation

Thank you for your letter of 21 June 2007 regarding the above. We appreciate the opportunity to participate in this review and provide comment on the detail of the current electricity market design.

However, the New Zealand Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux will not be making comment on the current market design. This is because the recent disconnection case in South Auckland has raised some significant strategic questions and issues for our organisation and these may have implications not just for the detail of the current market design, but potentially for the broader market framework itself.

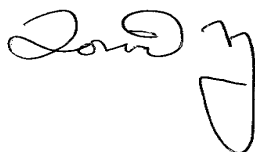
We are embarking on an organisation-wide process to discuss the strategic questions and issues that have surfaced for us, to develop our organisational position in relation to them, and to identify how we want to move forward with this. Until we have gone through this process, we are not in a position to provide input on electricity market issues at a policy level.

In the meantime, we would very much appreciate being kept informed as to the progress and outcomes of the market design review.

We will be back in touch with the Electricity Commission once we have gone through our own internal process.

We wish you well for the review.

Kind regards,



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