

Electricity Industry Amendment Bill

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Organisation Name:	New Zealand Council of Christian Social Services (NZCCSS)
Organisation description:	<p>The New Zealand Council of Christian Social Services (NZCCSS) welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed amendments to the bill.</p> <p>NZCCSS has six foundation members; the Anglican Care Network, Baptist Churches of New Zealand, Catholic Social Services, Presbyterian Support and the Methodist and Salvation Army Churches.</p> <p>Through this membership, NZCCSS represents over 250 organisations providing a range of social support services across Aotearoa. We believe in working to achieve a just and compassionate society for all, through our commitment to our faith and Te Tiriti o Waitangi. Further details on NZCCSS can be found on our website www.nzccss.org.nz.</p>

Tirohanga Whānui | Overview

The cost, administration of and distribution of electricity in Aotearoa have deep impacts on the people that our membership serve.

We are in support of these amendments as noted below.

Recommendations | Taunakitanga

NZCCSS supports:

1. the establishment of an advocacy agency for small electricity consumers
2. a levy on industry participations to recover the Government's costs relating to this advocacy
3. addition of an additional objective for the Electricity Authority to protect the interests of household and small business consumers in their dealings with industry participations

Whakaaro | Thoughts

We note that concern should be taken in order to prevent the cost of the level and its administration being passed on to consumers.