



INFORMATION

Code of Conduct for the Supply of Electricity to Small Use Customers

AUTHORITY PROPOSED AMENDMENTS – CLAUSE 9.13

The Economic Regulation Authority (**Authority**) has proposed amendments to the *Code of Conduct for the Supply of Electricity to Small Use Customers* (**Code**). The proposed amendments relate to the pre-payment meter grandfathering provisions in Part 9 of the Code, following a request from Horizon Power that the grandfathering period be extended by a further 12 months to 30 June 2014.

The Code is designed to:

...regulate and control the conduct of electricity retail, distribution and integrated regional licensees and electricity marketing agents with the object of defining standards of conduct in the supply and marketing of electricity to customers, providing for compensation payments to be made to customers when standards of conduct are not met and protecting customers from undesirable marketing conduct.

The Electricity Code Consultative Committee (ECCC) was established under the *Electricity Industry Act 2004* (Act) to advise the Authority on matters relating to the Code.

The Act requires that if the Authority proposes amendments to the Code it must obtain the ECCC's advice before deciding whether to make the amendments. The Act also requires that the ECCC undertake consultation before providing its advice to the Authority. The ECCC will call for public submissions shortly.

The Authority will take into consideration the advice it receives from the ECCC regarding the proposed amendments and will make a final decision about the amendments at a later date. The Authority's Final Decision will be published on the Authority's website at that time.

A copy of the Authority's <u>Draft Decision</u>, which outlines the proposed amendments, is available on the Authority's website.

Further information about the Code and the ECCC is also available on the Authority's website.

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