



Annual General Meeting

August 2025

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Agenda - Annual General Meeting 2025

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Shareholders Committee Update – Robert Newlands

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Shareholders Committee Members



Robert Newlands
Chair



Alister Lilley
Retired 2025



James Reid
Appointed 2024



Jeanette Maxwell



Stuart Begg



Kate Templeton



Gary Wilson



David Ward

Shareholder Committee Report

- A sincere thank you to our dedicated staff and senior management.
- My appreciation extends to the Board for their efforts.
- Announcing changes at the Board level.
- A warm welcome to the new members of the Shareholders Committee and thank you for your commitment.

Board Governance Changes

Board



Paul Munro
(re appointed 2025)



Karl Smith
Appointed 2025



Cole Groves
Retired 2025



EA Networks Board Update – Andrew Barlass

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Year in Review

- Detailed Annual Report available on EA Networks website



Year in review
2025

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enabling our region



Chloe Gathin
Cable Joiner



Tim Eardwood
Leading Hand Line Mechanic



David van der Westhuizen
Electrical Inspector



Shareholders Committee Report

On behalf of the Shareholders' Committee, I would like to express our sincere appreciation to the Board and team at EA Networks for their hard work and dedication over the past year. Your ongoing efforts ensure the continued growth and success of the company, and we are proud to be part of an organisation that is committed to providing reliable and innovative services to our community.

This year has seen a significant improvement in the company's financial performance, with a net profit after tax of \$5.5 million. It is critical for this essential business to be financially stable as it continues to invest in the electricity network that drives our regional economy and provides for those that live here.

We acknowledge the impact of the recent price increases that became effective from 1 April 2025 and appreciate the company's careful management of this within the regulatory framework. The committee recognises that pricing adjustments are necessary to ensure the continued financial health of the business and the ability to invest in essential infrastructure, and we commend the company for taking a responsible approach to minimise the impact on customers.

The committee has been pleased to see the continued focus on maintaining and upgrading the network, with ongoing projects like the undergrounding of power lines, particularly in rural areas. This long-term effort reflects the company's commitment to improving network resilience and reducing the frequency of outages. Additionally, we recognise the significant work undertaken at the Lauriston solar farm. This marks an exciting step forward in expanding renewable energy capabilities in the region.

Ongoing network investments are essential to future-proofing the network, and supporting the region's growing demand for reliable and sustainable energy solutions.

A highlight for the committee this year has been the company's focus to enhance network outage communication with customers. The steps taken to keep customers informed, both for planned and unplanned outages, reflect the company's ongoing commitment to transparency and service.

On behalf of the Shareholders' Committee, I would like to extend our thanks to the community and all shareholders for your continued support. The dedication of EA Networks' staff and the backing of our shareholders contribute to the ongoing success of the company.

We look forward to another year of progress, and we remain committed to representing your interests as we work towards a sustainable and reliable future for EA Networks.

Warm regards,


Robert Newlands
Shareholders' Committee Chair



Business update

Enabling our region

Our company purpose, enabling our region, drives and guides our decisions and actions. We are focused on delivering smart, connected, and reliable network solutions that support economic prosperity and growth in our region. This reflects our commitment to being relevant, agile, and customer-centric organisation that meets the energy needs of our customers whilst enhancing the wellbeing, career opportunities, and overall livability in Mid Canterbury. Our purpose acknowledges the critical role we play in supporting the region's continued growth and success as electrification plays an increasing role in the wider economy.

Financial performance

Our financial performance is crucial to sustaining our ongoing investment programs of maintaining and strengthening our network. This is essential to drive and enable growth across the regional economy that relies on reliable and available electricity supply.

We have achieved a net profit after tax of \$5.5 million for the financial year ended 31 March 2025. This is a strong result after several years of cost pressure brought about by rising operating costs that eroded profits. Alongside this, we are pleased to have increased our annual grossed discount to \$6.0 million for the 2025/26 financial year, a 67% increase from the \$3.0 million returned to customers this year. Our capital works program remains significant with \$20.2 million invested during the year to ensure our network continues to perform for customers.

Pricing for our service

As a regulated business, the Commerce Commission sets limits on the maximum revenue we can recover. The recent regulatory reset (effective from 1st April) responded to rising financing, operations, and maintenance costs. In line with this, we have adopted an average price increase of 20% across our customer base (effective from 1 April 2025) to ensure sustainable revenue and network investment is maintained. EA Networks is committed to striking the right balance between customer pricing and ensuring the financial and operational needs of the business are met.





Our network

We own and operate the electricity distribution network across Mid Canterbury and a widely distributed fibre optic broadband network. Access to highly reliable and accessible networks is key to enabling our region, and we continue to invest to provide this to our community.

Network reliability and performance

Network performance is primarily measured by the number of unplanned outages (faults) and the duration of those outages, averaged across the number of connections. We are pleased with our network performance with our average faults per customer per year being well below one (average 0.76) and the average duration remaining below one hour (average 57 minutes). We believe that we have the right balance of capital investment to make our network more resilient and reliable whilst keeping prices fair to all customers.

Enhancing our networks

Undergrounding our electricity network where feasible has been a key strategy to enhance network performance. It also makes our network safer for all by removing poles and aerial conductor. We continued this focus throughout 2025, undergrounding urban and rural locations across the region. Our undergrounding efforts have seen unplanned outage durations drop by 25% since 2021, benefiting customers with an average of 30 minutes less outage time annually.

More information about network investment planned over the next 10 years can be found in the Summary Asset Management Plan included with this report or on our website.

Solar in our region

We're committed to doing what we can to support and enable widespread distributed generation to connect to our network. This directly benefits those able to connect generation sources like solar to their property. It also indirectly benefits the wider community as increased supply of electricity should put downward pressure on energy prices over time.

Our district now hosts two utility-scale solar farms, with more applications under review. The Lauriston solar farm (a joint venture partnership between Genesis and FRV) was commissioned in November 2024 and is currently the largest in New Zealand, with a capacity of 472 MW. The second, Gertarten, has a capacity of 65 MW. These large-scale solar farms are in addition to many other smaller installations as customers seek to take advantage of solar to generate their own energy for their homes and businesses across our region.

Engaging our community

Outage communications

When the power goes out, we know it's important for our customers to be able to find information about what's happening and when the power might be back on. This year, we worked on two initiatives that have improved the way we help our community stay up-to-date when power outages impact them.

- **Outage map**

Our live outage map provides near real-time information on planned and unplanned outages (faults) across our region. This not only shows where outages are occurring but is the best place to go for updates as we work to restore our network.

- **Outage notification alerts**

This new service is in addition to notifications provided by electricity retailers and allows customers to receive text and/or email alerts for any outages that may affect their home, business, or farm. It's a simple process to set up and is the best way to know what is happening with your connection to our network. Customers can visit our website for more information and how to connect with this new service.

Scan this QR code to easily register for outage notifications





EA Networks results 2024/2025

- Financial**
\$20.2M Total capital spend
\$334.3M Total assets
- Network**
3140 km Overhead lines and cables
Average customer outage duration 57 minutes
- Community**
\$3.0M Discount returned to customers
\$112,709 Sponsorship and Energy Advocacy community funding

Lauriston solar farm

Annual Consumer Discount update

- In 2025 EA Networks paid a \$3m consumer discount.
- Increasing to \$5m in FY26.
- Need to balance line charge increases with future consumer discounts.



Energy Advocacy

'A little bit of difference to a lot of people'

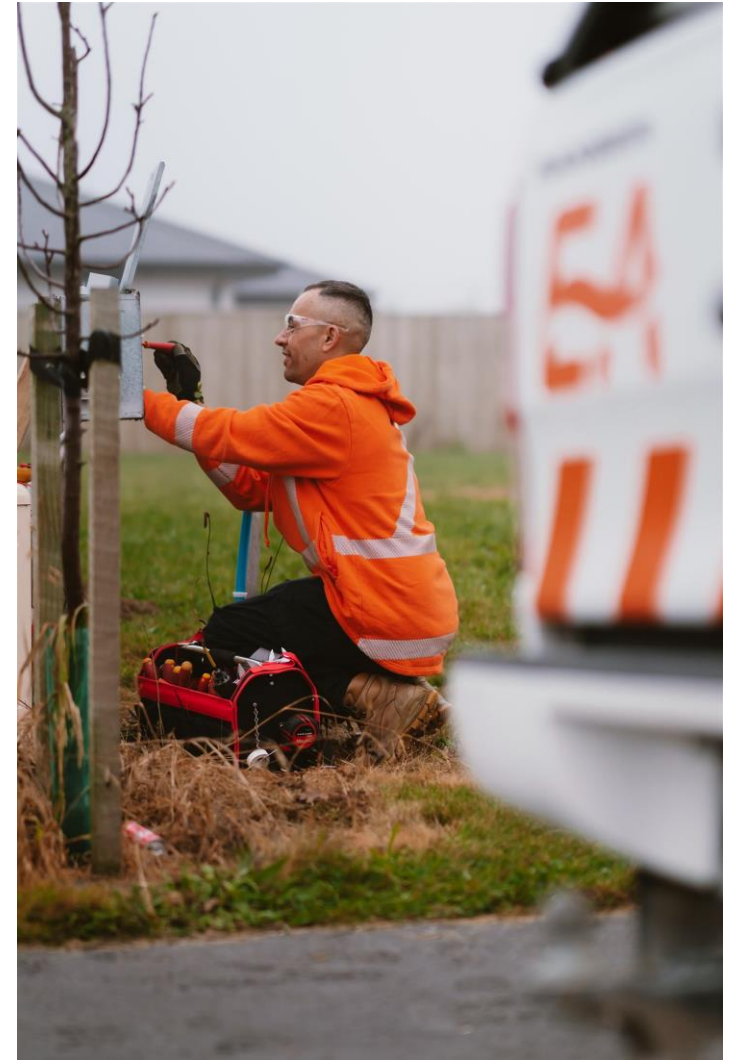
We leverage our local network of community agencies to help educate individuals and families on how to be more energy efficient. This reduces costs for our community and helps increase energy wellness throughout our district.

- 56 homes insulated under Warmer Kiwi Homes in FY25, with \$110,000 allocated in FY26 to help over 150 homes with insulation and heat pumps. To date, 105 homes have been supported with insulation.
- Energy education radio campaigns and support over winter via 'Pay ya Power' promotion, with 10 families getting \$500 towards their winter power bills.
- Over 2,500 LED bulbs provided to individuals and families, along with draught stops, v-seal and other low-cost energy saving products.
- Development of a \$50,000 community wellness fund for FY26, focused on supporting community initiatives that help lift energy wellbeing.



EA Networks Scholarships - refresh

- Advance Ashburton to administer the application process.
- Start with up to two scholarships per year for students in their 2nd year or above.
- Each scholarship will have a value of \$5,000 per year of undergraduate study remaining.
- Subjects to include **electrical engineering, information technology or systems management, human resources, accounting, communications, and safety management.**
- EA Networks may be able to provide **work during holiday breaks** (some areas will have limited capacity).





Business & Industry Update – Onno Mulder

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Performance measures in the 2024-25 SCI

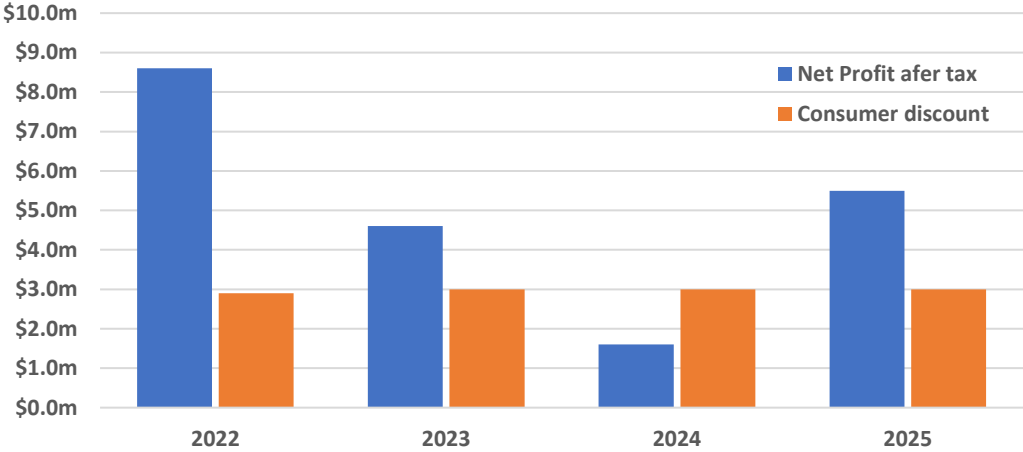
Item	Measurement of success	Comment
Shareholder's Funds	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The ratio is equity and members interest divided by total assets is above 42%.	Achieved
Public Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Positive assurance resulting from the NZS7901 external auditor.	Achieved
Worker Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Developed a Health and Safety Strategy & Initiatives covering a 3-year period and developing proactive safety culture.	Achieved
Compliance and Legalisation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">No material compliance and legislation issues have occurred in the year.	Achieved
External financial reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">EA Networks' AGM shareholders approve the Financial Report.	Achieved
Financial performance measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Return on total assets, before interest payments, rebates, customer discounts and taxation for FY25 are 4.2% (FY24: 3.2%).	Achieved

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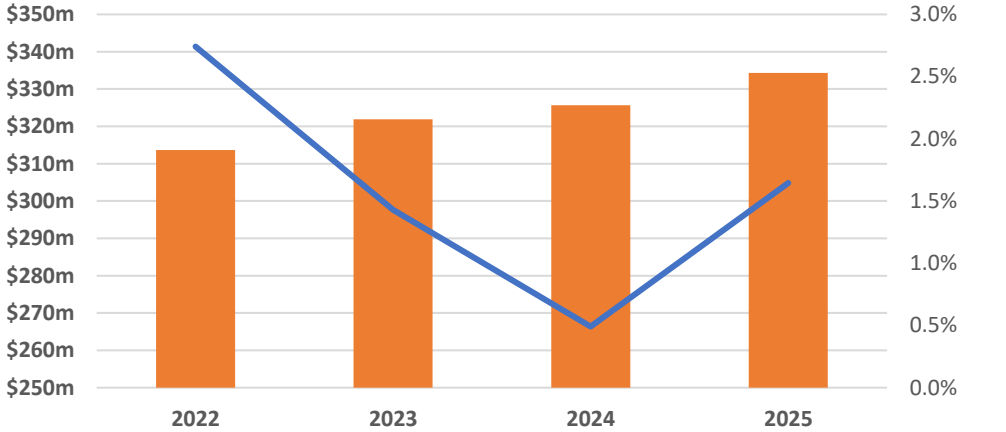
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Electricity tariff to domestic consumer	<ul style="list-style-type: none">To have electricity Residential Prices Line Charges below the industry median, at a level that is sustainable for EA Networks.				Achieved
Consumer Discount	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Payment of a \$3m consumer discount, increasing to \$5m in FY26.				Achieved
The number of power interruptions that a customer has had (SAIFI)	Customer was not notified (unplanned)	Actual	SCI	Regulatory	Achieved against regulatory compliance, however we were above some SCI targets
	Customer was notified (planned) [normalised]	0.7536	1.25	1.28	
The number of minutes that a customer was without power (SAIDI)	Customer was not notified (unplanned) [normalised]	0.5041	0.40	0.98	
	Customer was notified (planned)	57.28	90	92	
	Customer was notified (planned)	139.10	120	275	

Financial Performance

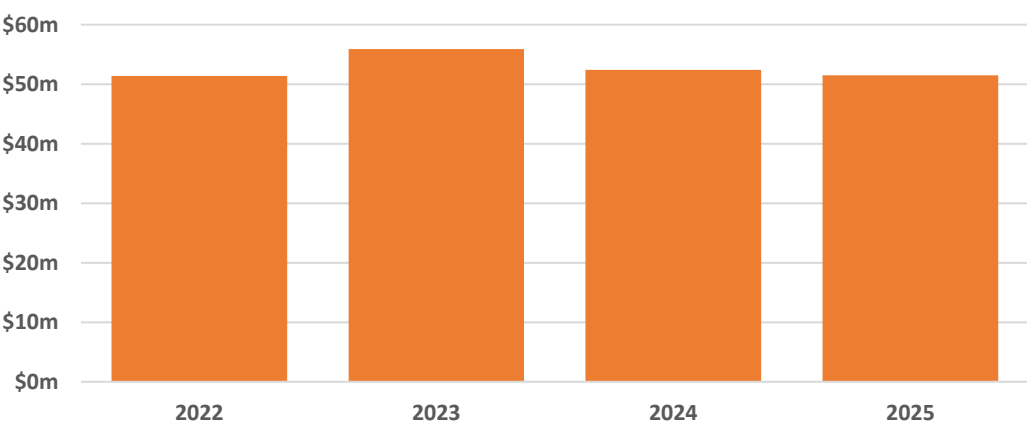
Net Profit after tax and Consumer Discount



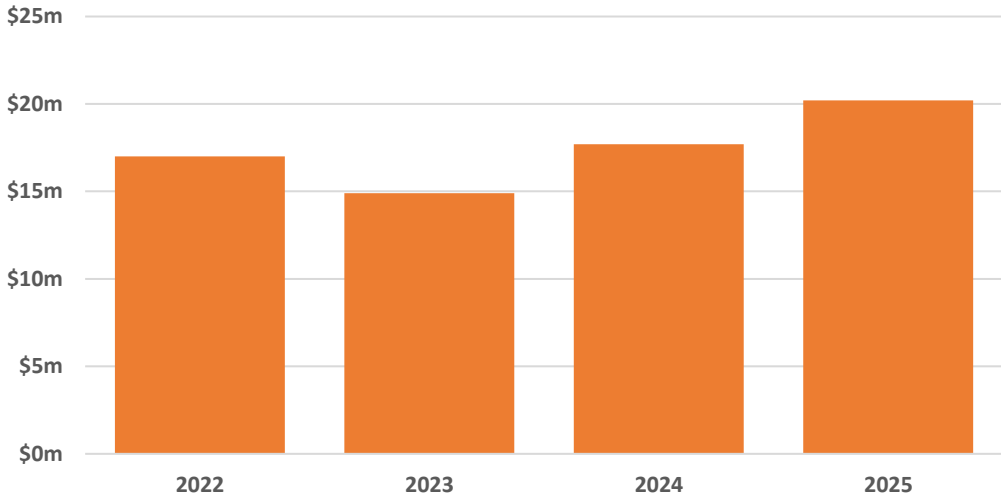
Assets and Return on Assets



Borrowings

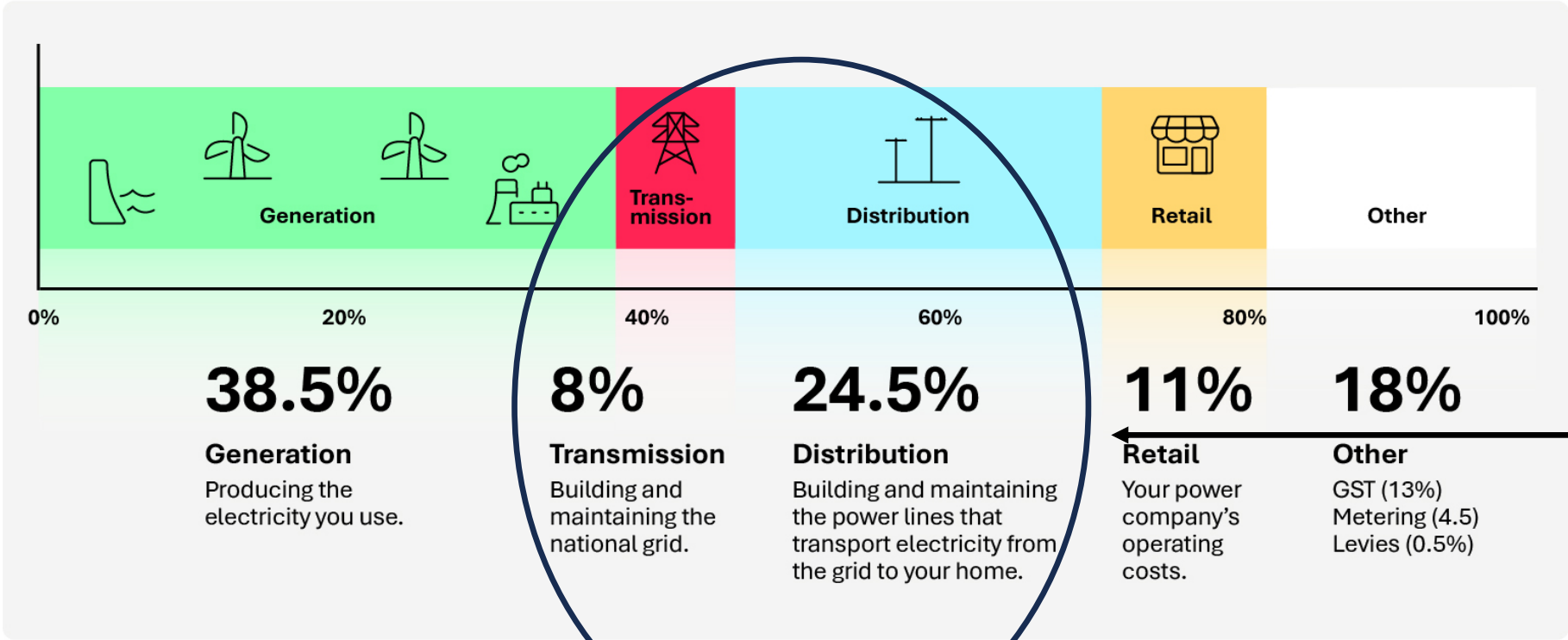


Capital investment



Electricity Supply Chain

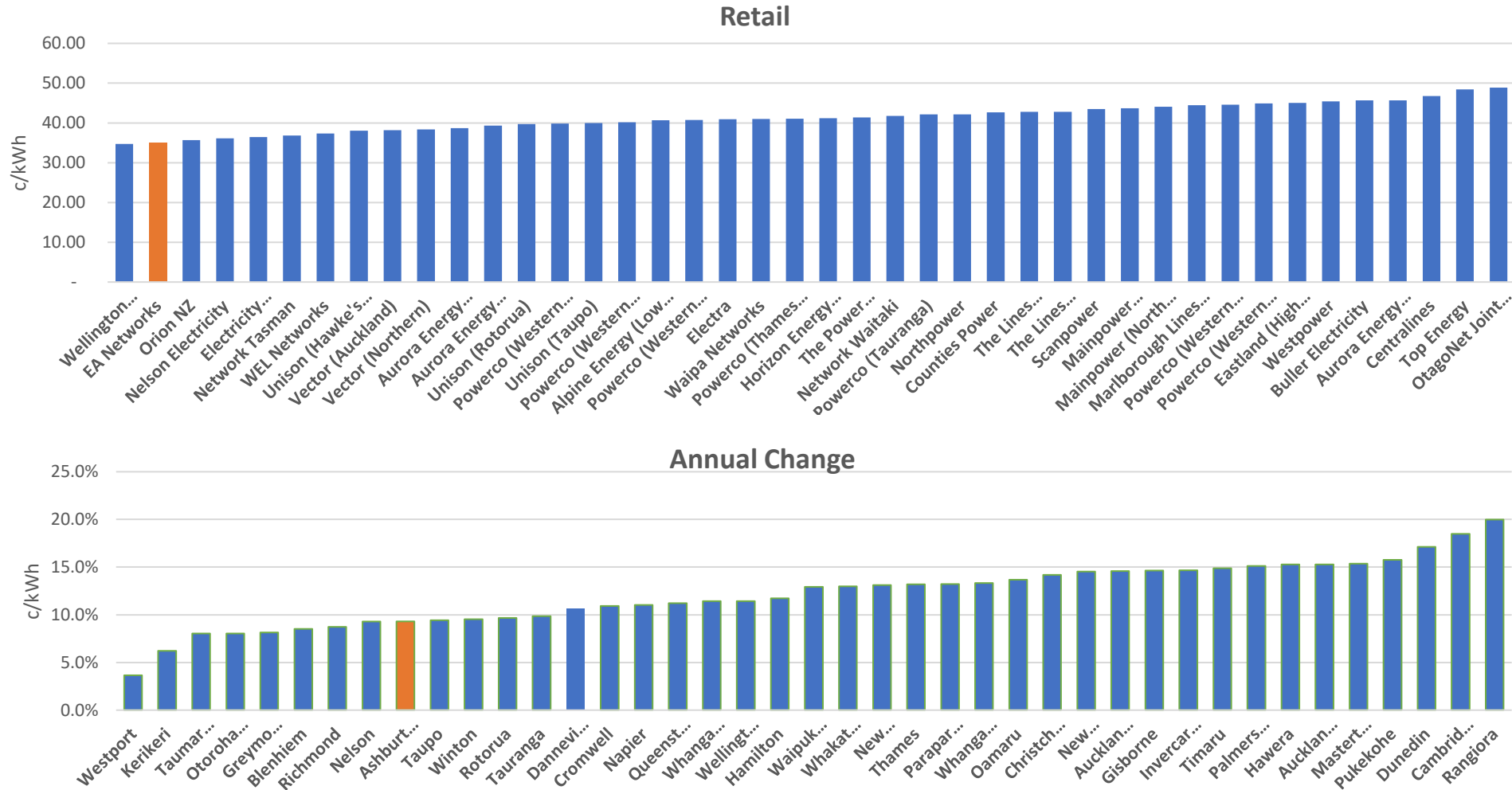
An average household power bill contributes to the following costs



Combined industry average is 32.5% (37.5% 2024) compared to EA Networks 27% (6% and 21%) however has increased this year.

Quarterly Survey of Domestic Electricity Prices

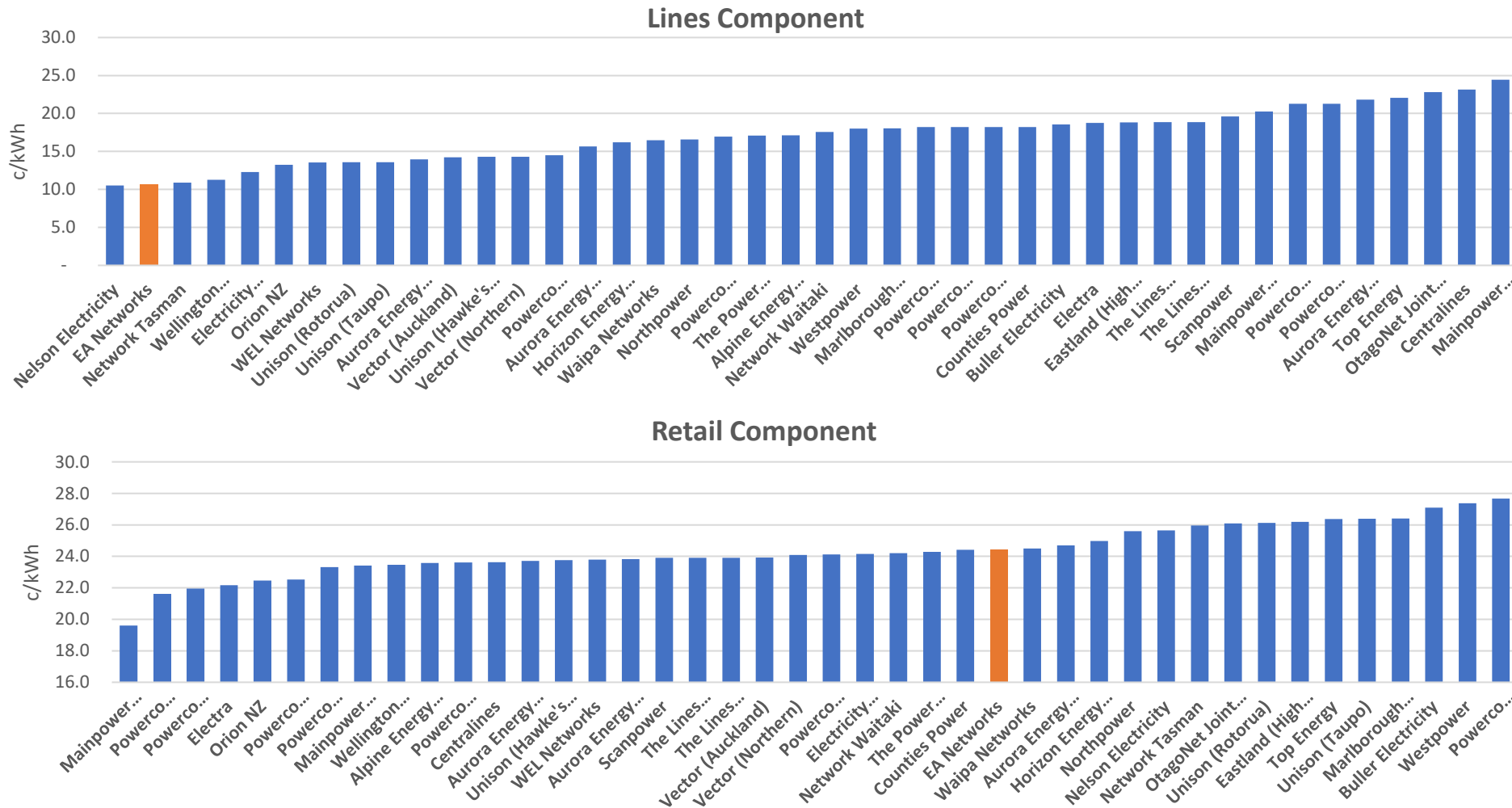
a 'typical New Zealand household' an annual consumption of 8000 kWh.



- MBIE data shows EA Networks still has one of the lowest overall retail price in NZ at \$35 c/kwh
- Annual overall power increase in the lower quartile at 9.3%.

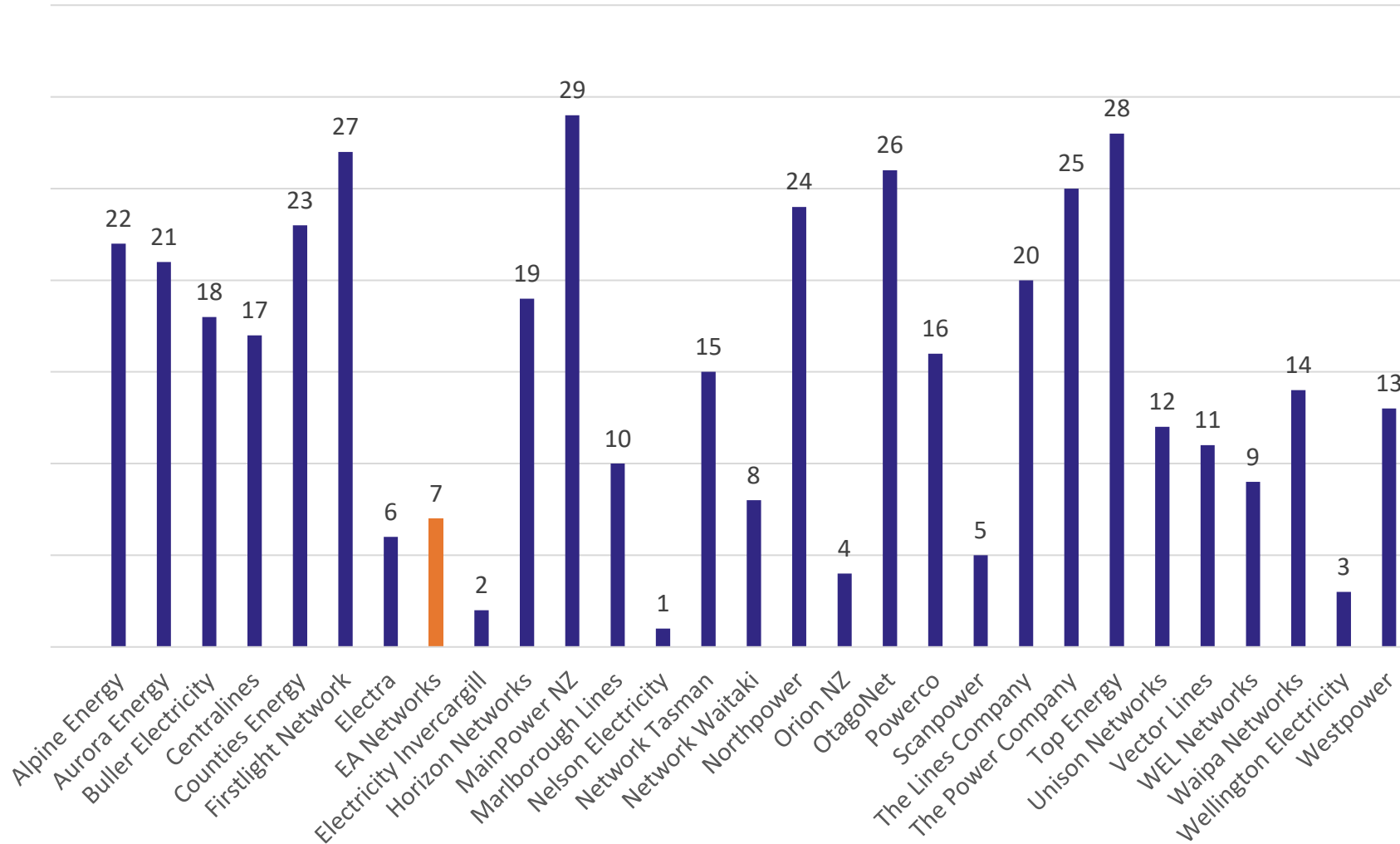
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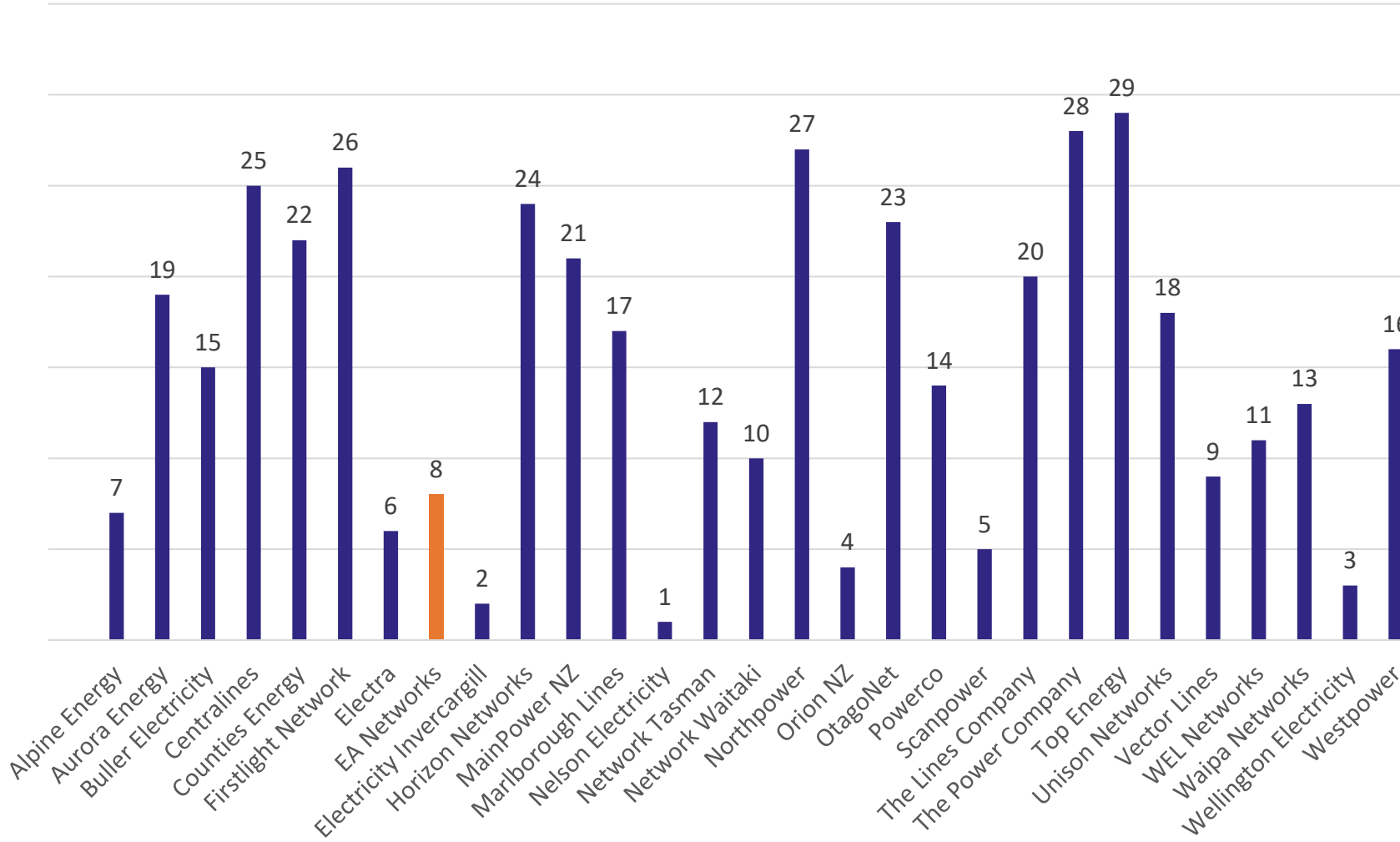
- Lines component cost still at 2nd lowest cost across NZ.
- Retail component moved from 16th place to 12th. This is an overall improvement in ranking.
- Consumer rebate increased from \$3m to \$5m.

SAIDI – Ranking of 29 EDBs



- These numbers are rankings per EDB - the lower the number the better result.
- 7th lowest interruption duration.
- 1st ranking for our ComCom peer group of Firstlight, Horizon, Marlborough Lines, Northpower, Waipa Networks and Network Waitaki.

SAIFI – Ranking of 29 EDBs



- These numbers are rankings per EDB - the lower the number the better result.
- 8th lowest for interruption frequency.
- 1st ranking for our ComCom peer group of Firstlight, Horizon, Marlborough Lines, Northpower, Waipa Networks and Network Waitaki.

Solar Generation Update

- Large scale generation added since August 2024: Total 58 MW
 - Lauriston Solar Farm: 47MW (largest in NZ at this point)
 - Gartartan Solar Farm: 6.5MW
 - Commissioning now near Fairton: 5.4MW
- Application approved and awaiting decision to proceed: 51 MW
- Pipeline of applications: 6 MW plus many ongoing applications of <100kW
- Significant network capacity exists within the district to connect further solar generation and we welcome enabling this activity in our region.
- Some network constraints do exist (identified on our website) and we encourage developers to talk to us early in their planning.



Projects

- Lake Heron underground conversion
- Methven Highway underground conversion (Shearers to Springfield Rd)
- Solar Farm Customer Connections



Customer initiated work – Seafeld 66 Substation (ANZCO) (completed July 2025)



Last section of underground conversion – Double Hill Run Rd (completed June 2025)

Outage comms – text messaging available now!

EA Networks planned power outage complete (ID: J.E.25.06.0117)

Power has been restored for the following connections
0000029627EA535.

If power is not on at your connection, contact [0800 430 460](tel:0800430460) to advise.

Stay up to date at <https://nxt.to/ykLaK9Z>

Today 15:06

Thanks 🙏





Decisions & Resolutions – Andrew Barlass

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Formal Business

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PwC is the current auditor of the company and has indicated its willingness to continue in office. Pursuant to section 207T of the Companies Act 1993, PwC is automatically re-appointed at the Annual General Meeting as auditor of the company.

Auditors Remuneration– Resolution 1

That the board be authorised to fix the auditor's remuneration.

Only Shareholders are eligible to vote.

Directors Fees – Resolution 2

That the pool of funds available for the remuneration of Directors be increased by an amount of \$11,993 (3.2%) per annum, from a maximum of \$ 374,762 per annum to a maximum of \$386,755 for the year ending 31 March 2025 to all Directors taken together.

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- To advise the appointment of directors.



Thank you for coming

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