
3.0 Have your say

Transpower, Northpower and Top Energy are seeking feedback on the concept of developing a Northland pilot REZ. You are also invited to respond to Transpower's consultation document *Renewable Energy Zones National Consultation 2022*, which seeks feedback on the concept of REZs in the New Zealand context.

Your feedback will help guide Transpower, Northpower and Top Energy on the next steps and whether to proceed with an EOI from generation developers in Q3/4 of 2022 for a Northland pilot. This process will help to inform demand, possible size and location for a pilot REZ development in the Northland region.

This consultation is open until 5:00pm, Friday 8 April 2022.

Submissions can be emailed to rez@transpower.co.nz using the heading "Northland REZ consultation" or submitted via the online form at www.transpower.co.nz/REZ.

Submitters may comment on any relevant aspect of our topic. We have asked some specific questions and would welcome submissions on those questions, but all relevant comments are welcome.

Submissions are made jointly to Transpower, Top Energy, and Northpower and will be posted on Transpower's website. If any aspect of your submission is confidential, please advise us, together with the reasons why you consider it should be considered confidential, and we will not publish that part of the submission.

There are a number of parties with interests in the Renewable Energy Zone concept, including the New Zealand Infrastructure Commission, who have proposed the concept as part of their Infrastructure Strategy, the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment in their energy policy role, and electricity sector regulators, the Commerce Commission and Electricity Authority. We are likely to discuss elements of submissions with these parties except where a submitter has asked for confidentiality.

Appendix 1: Consultation questions

Your details

Full name

Are you a developer? Yes No

Who you are representing i.e. iwi, organisation (if applicable)

Would you invest in a Northland REZ if there was an opportunity to?

Yes No

Email address or alternative contact details

Have you applied previously to connect to a network in Northland?

Yes No

What is your area of interest in relation to Renewable Energy Zones?

Consultation questions

Potential benefits to Northland

1. Do you support the development of a REZ in Northland? Please provide your reasons as to why or why not.

2. What potential benefits of a REZ are important to you? Consider economic, social, cultural and environmental factors.

3. What potential costs of a REZ are important to you? Consider economic, social, cultural and environmental factors.

Potential generation and network infrastructure

4. Do you support enabling developments through upgrades to existing lines and substations as demand for connections to the networks emerge? If not, what alternatives would you propose?

6. Are there alternative proposals that you think we should consider?

5. If new lines needed to be built to connect resources, where should they be constructed/not constructed?

7. Do you have development projects that a REZ might assist you to construct and connect?

Any further comments

Would you like to receive occasional updates on the potential development of Renewable Energy Zones in New Zealand?

Yes No

