4 Request for interest

This Request for Interest seeks to identify whether there is sufficient interest and capability (current or future) from Flexibility Service Providers to investigate non-transmission solutions (NTS) or other alternatives as part of this shortlist consultation, before identifying a preferred approach to support the needs of the Waikato 110 kV network.

Firm proposals, firm prices, negotiated contract positions, and finalised delivery commitments are not required at this stage, however, responses to this RFI will inform Transpower's analysis of the potential for a Non-Transmission Solution alongside any capital investment, and may be used for consideration of whether a Request for Proposals (RFP) is warranted.

Interested parties are encouraged to:

1. Complete all sections of the Response Form.
2. Provide table information for each location or service option you may be interested in providing services for.
3. Send this completed form to Grid.Investments@transpower.co.nz before the close of this consultation on 2 December 2026.

Note that all submissions will remain confidential.

Part A: Respondent Information

Please provide information about your organization and contact details for your organization's point of contact.

RESPONDENT INFORMATION	
Organisation name	
Whether respondent is a partnership or joint venture, list names of partners, partner organizations, or joint venture parties	
Street Address	
Postal Address	
Contact Person	
Telephone Number (Point of Contact)	
Email address (Point of Contact)	

Part B: Request for Interest Questions

Category	Response
Flex ID / Name (if applicable):	
Proposed block capacity (kW or MW) Please identify unit; minimum 0.5 MW preferred	
Please describe flexibility service solution type(s) available. (e.g. BESS, controllable demand, load shift, etc.) Note: isolation of NTS for safety of personnel and assets may be required	
Are you able to provide an NTS solution for more than a single year? If yes, for how many years can your solution meet the growing NTS MW capacity need signalled in Figure 1 in section 3.3, and for the months and number of calls per month indicated in section 3.4 (heat maps) of this Attachment 5? (e.g. up to 7 MW at least three days in August 2030 between the hours of 6-7 AM, and up to 35 MW in 2034 May, July, and August, both morning and evenings)	
Indicative initial maximum duration of sustained response (per block type) over time	
Can your solution/system(s) respond to a grid event instruction, or would you seek to provide an alternative response/approach? Please explain.	

Is the flexibility service capacity contemplated by the respondent also used or proposed for another NTS obligation? Yes/No	
Are you able to restore the flexibility services offered following the completion of a grid event (e.g. time to charge a battery or recover load) to meet both morning and evening or day to day identified needs?	
Please provide an indicative availability payment required- $/month (monthly payment irrespective of whether a grid event occurs.)	
Please provide an indicative event payment required - $/MWh (per MWh of provided response during any called event.)	
Pre-event call notice period • Up to 24 hours but not less than 4 hours (Slow) • Up to 3.5 hours but not less than 2 hours (Medium) • <2 hours (Fast)	
Other services or flexibility service scope that could be offered	
Can your service be operational and ready for testing by February 2030 without dependencies? Yes/No If no, what risks or uncertainties could affect your ability to deliver the indicative service? How would you expect to manage them?	
What metering, telemetry, or operational data, or other evidence could you provide to demonstrate availability and performance at a later stage?	

Are there any material regulatory, commercial, safety, cyber, or operational constraints that Transpower should understand before deciding whether to proceed to a later RFP stage?	
Would you be interested in participating in further engagement, such as a workshop or one-on-one discussion related to this RFI and the needs identified herein? (contact information from Part A will be used)	
Please briefly describe your organisation's relevant experience delivering, operating, or aggregating flexibility services, demand response, distributed energy resources, embedded generation, or comparable energy services.	
What level of information or engagement would you need from Transpower or other parties to decide whether to participate in any subsequent formal Request for Proposal (RFP)?	
Please provide high-level commercial information or anything else deemed relevant here.	