

House of Representatives

Supplementary Order Paper

Tuesday, 2 August 2022

Electricity Industry Amendment Bill

Proposed amendments

Hon Dr Megan Woods, in Committee, to move the following amendments:

Clause 2

In *clause 2* (page 4, after line 6), insert as *subclause (2)*:

- (2) However, **section 9** comes into force 4 months after the date on which this Act receives the Royal assent.

New clause 32A

After *clause 32* (page 17, after line 2), insert:

32A Section 102 amended (Procedures for annual meeting to appoint auditor)

After section 102(4), insert:

- (5) Beneficiaries may attend and vote at an annual meeting in person or, subject to the approval of the trustees, by audio link, audiovisual link, or other remote access facility.

Schedule 1: new Schedule 1

In *Schedule 1, new Schedule 1*, after *clause 6* (page 25, after line 4), insert:

7 References to Authority's objectives

- (1) This clause applies before the commencement of **section 9** of the amendment Act.
- (2) A reference in this Act to the Authority's objectives under section 15 must be read as a reference to the objective set out in section 15 before the commencement of **section 9** of the amendment Act.

Explanatory note

This Supplementary Order Paper makes 2 main amendments to the Electricity Industry Amendment Bill (the **Bill**). Those changes are as follows:

- amending *clause 2* (commencement) to provide for *clause 9* to come into force 4 months after the date on which the Bill receives the Royal assent. *Clause 9* amends section 15 of the Electricity Industry Act 2010 (the **Act**), which relates to the objective of the Electricity Authority. *Clause 9* is the only clause that is proposed to have a delayed commencement, with the remainder of the Bill coming into force on the day after the date of Royal assent:
- inserting a *new clause 32A*, which amends section 102 of the Act. Section 102 relates to the procedures for an annual meeting of the beneficiaries of a customer or community trust. The amendment provides that beneficiaries may attend and vote at such a meeting in person or, subject to the approval of the trustees, remotely (for example, by audio link).

A minor addition is also made to the transitional provisions in *Schedule 1* of the Bill, relating to the commencement of *clause 9*.

Departmental disclosure statement

The Ministry of Business, Innovation, and Employment is required to prepare a disclosure statement to assist with the scrutiny of this Supplementary Order Paper. The disclosure statement provides access to information about any material policy changes to the Bill and identifies any new significant or unusual legislative features of the Bill as amended.

A copy of the statement can be found at <http://legislation.govt.nz/disclosure.aspx?type=sop&subtype=government&year=2022&no=203&>