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As promised this morning please find attached a consolidated set of feedback from the Electricity Sector Environmental Group on the draft NPS-Inf, following recent workshops.

The key points from the attached memorandum are:

- We support the recognition that a fundamental level of change is required to boost our economy and reduce emissions and - enabling REG and infrastructure as part of the RM reform programme is essential to achieve this.
- The resolution of actual and perceived conflict between RM national direction instruments must be achieved through this unprecedented, ambitious national direction review.
- The approach and proposed scope of new terms, such as Significant Environment Values run the risk of creating new, additional and expanded consenting hurdles.
- The application of the operational and functional need test is problematic and an expanded consenting hurdle.
- The effects management hierarchy cannot be applied to all environmental values, rather a framework (not hierarchy) should only apply to biodiversity and wetland values.

We are very keen to ensure that this work is successful and will prioritise any further engagement that will assist this NPS development. I have also copied in Daniel Brown at MBIE and Paul Alexander at Te Waihanga who have been our key points of contact for various reviews of the NPS-REG, which is strongly related.

Regards
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Kia ora Abby and Ann-Jorun

Thank you for running workshops on the development of a NPS-Inf. The Electricity Sector Environment Group will provide feedback but we are still finalising a draft and will send this to you later today. Apologies that we haven't meet you previous request for that to be provided by cob yesterday.

Regards
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