

Energy (Renewable Transformation and Jobs) Bill 2023

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Dear Sir

Re: Energy (Renewable Transformation and Jobs) Bill 2023

I refer to your comment on the above Bill and provide the following:

- S7 should also include other infrastructure that is required to deliver projects, i.e. transport upgrades, construction worker accommodation, etc.
- S15(2)(c) although it provides examples which will be seen as non-exhaustive, the Bill could benefit from an example that considers re-purposing for another form of electricity generation, i.e. hydrogen.
- S35(d) it appears to be opening the door for the State to charge individual projects recovery costs for their use of transmission networks.
- S38(3)(c)(i) REZ management plans must be developed in conjunction with Local Governments and other State Departments operating in each REZ area prior to the release of drafts for public submission.
- S85 It would be good for the Job Security Guarantee Fund to also prioritise opportunities for non-FIFO energy sector employees to be retrained or provided employment within the same communities where they already live as part of the guarantee. This will help retain as much possible expertise and high-income employees in local communities.
- S155 should specifically include consultation with local governments in affected areas about how the changes brought about by this Bill will affect their resourcing and ability to respond to increased activity demand while conducting business as usual.

Should you have any further queries with respect to the above, please feel free to contact Council's Principal Economic Development Advisor, Ms Alex Coughlan on [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely

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