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Electricity Infrastructure Investment Amendment (Priority Network Projects) Bill 2025

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Proposed amendments

- No. 1 **Limit on direction for network operator who does not own or lease infrastructure**
Page 4, Schedule 1[3], lines 5–8. Omit all the words on the lines.
- No. 2 **Limit on direction for network operator who does not own or lease infrastructure**
Page 4, Schedule 1[4], lines 17–20. Omit all the words on the lines.
- No. 3 **Requirements before making directions**
Page 4, Schedule 1. Insert after line 27—
- [6A] Section 34A**
Insert after section 34—
- 34A Community consultation**
- Before the Minister gives a direction under section 32, the Minister must—
- (a) no later than 28 days before the direction is made—
- (i) publish a copy of the proposed direction in the Gazette that includes a notice of the way in which submissions may be made about the proposed direction, and
- (ii) give written notice to each local council for the area to which the proposed direction relates of the proposed direction, and
- (b) consider the submissions received in accordance with the notice published in the Gazette.
- No. 4 **Requirements before making directions**
Page 4, Schedule 1. Insert before line 28—
- [6B] Section 34AB**
Insert before section 35A, as inserted by item [7]—

34AB Independent impact assessment

Before the Minister gives a direction under section 32, the Minister must—

- (a) ensure an independent assessment is conducted that assesses all of the following—
 - (i) the impact of the proposed direction on the biodiversity of the area to which the proposed direction relates,
 - (ii) the effects of the proposed direction on agricultural land and water access for agricultural and other uses,
 - (iii) the consequences of the proposed direction on the local amenity, traffic and visual landscape for the area to which the proposed direction relates,
 - (iv) other cumulative social and economic impacts of the proposed direction on the local community of the area to which the proposed direction relates, and
- (b) ensure the results of the assessment are published.

No. 5 Requirements before making directions

Page 4, Schedule 1[7], line 29. Omit all the words on the line. Insert instead “Insert before section 35”.

No. 6 Parliamentary oversight of commencement of directions

Page 4, Schedule 1[7], proposed section 35A. Insert after line 42—

- (2B) The Minister must table in each House of Parliament within 7 sitting days after a written notice is given under this section—
 - (a) a copy of the written notice, and
 - (b) a summary of the interim financial arrangements in place relating to the written notice.

No. 7 Requirements before making directions

Page 5, Schedule 1[7], proposed section 35B. Insert after line 10—

- (4) Sections 34A and 34AB apply to an amendment of a direction under section 32 if the amendment would materially change the location or description of the infrastructure project as specified in the direction.

No. 8 Offence for failure to comply with direction

Page 5, Schedule 1[8], lines 27 and 28. Omit all words on the lines.

No. 9 Sunset provision for proposed amending Act

Page 7, Schedule 1[19]. Insert after line 8—

Review of Electricity Infrastructure Investment Amendment (Priority Network Projects) Act 2025

- (1) The Minister must review the operation of the amending Act to determine whether—
 - (a) the policy objectives of the amending Act remain valid, and
 - (b) the terms of the amending Act remain appropriate for achieving the policy objectives.
- (2) The review must be—
 - (a) undertaken no sooner than 4 years, but within 5 years, after the commencement of the amending Act, and

(b) tabled in each House of Parliament.

(3) In this clause—

amending Act means the *Electricity Infrastructure Investment Amending (Priority Network Projects) Act 2025*.