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**Attention: Craig Evans**

Dear Craig,

**Re: Consultation Paper “Default agreement for distribution services”**

Fonterra thanks the Electricity Authority (*EA*) for the opportunity to provide feedback on the consultation paper, “Default agreement for distribution services”<sup>1</sup> (*Consultation Paper*).

Fonterra is a major electricity user and used approximately 1,100GWh of electricity last season (1 August 2014 to 31 July 2015, aka FY15). Fonterra’s sites are located across New Zealand, resulting in Fonterra having relationships with 14 different electricity distribution businesses. Fonterra contracts directly with the electricity distribution business (*EDB*) for distribution services for most of its manufacturing sites. These contracts range in duration and frequency of renegotiation.

Fonterra is a member of the Major Electricity User Group (*MEUG*) and supports the points raised in that submission on this Consultation Paper. In particular, Fonterra supports MEUG’s submission to find solutions by considering changes to the draft default distribution agreement that would address the issue that Fonterra has faced.

Yours sincerely,

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.ea.govt.nz/development/work-programme/wholesale/operational-enhancements-to-dispatchable-demand/consultations/#c15753>