

10 October 2024

Christiaan Schoonraad
By email: Christiaan@Schoonraad.com

Tēnā koe Christiaan,

Thank you for your request, received on 25 September 2024, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) for the following information:

- *“Compliance data for the electrical network serving the Mangere Bridge area during the period from 29 May 2024 at 18:00 to 30 May 2024 at 11:00”*
- *All compliance reports or assessments related to the electrical network during the specified period.*
- *Information regarding fault ID 1-5882658940, including any actions taken.*
- *Details on maintenance (N-61442) completed on Saturday, 06 July 2024, from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM.*

Your request is declined under section 18(g) of the Act as the Electricity Authority Te Mana Hiko (Authority) does not hold the information requested and we have no grounds for believing that the information is either—

- (i) held by another department (for itself and for a departmental agency hosted by it or an interdepartmental executive board serviced by it) or interdepartmental venture or Minister of the Crown or organisation, or by a local authority; or
- (ii) connected more closely with the functions of another department (for itself and for a departmental agency hosted by it or an interdepartmental executive board serviced by it) or interdepartmental venture or Minister of the Crown or organisation or of a local authority.

The Authority’s role

The objectives of the Authority are set out in section 15 of the Electricity Industry Act 2010. The main objective of the Authority is to promote competition in, reliable supply by, and the efficient operation of, the electricity industry for the long-term benefit of consumers. The additional objective of the Authority is to protect the interests of domestic consumers and small business consumers in relation to the supply of electricity to those consumers.

We primarily perform this role by making and administering the Electricity Industry Participation Code 2010 (Code), and monitoring and enforcing compliance with the Code. While the Code does include rules that promote reliable supply of electricity to consumers, it may not purport to regulate any matter dealt with in or under the Electricity Act 1992 (see section 32(2)(c) of the Electricity Industry Act 2010).

As the issue you have raised is in relation to the Electricity (Safety) Regulations 2010, which are regulations made under the Electricity Industry Act 1992, the Authority does not have jurisdiction to investigate it. WorkSafe is responsible for monitoring compliance with these regulations and taking any enforcement action: <https://www.mbie.govt.nz/business-and-employment/employment-and-skills/health-and-safety/energy-safety>.


We understand from your correspondence that you have already been in touch with WorkSafe about this matter. If you want to request any information about any compliance investigation undertaken by WorkSafe you could request it from them. We decided not to transfer your request to WorkSafe in this instance as we understood your request to be for information about any compliance investigations conducted by the Authority.

We trust the information above provides some clarity about the Authority's role.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact us by emailing oa@ea.govt.nz.

Nāku noa, nā,



Airihi Mahuika
GM Legal, Monitoring and Compliance