

Annex A

Information on submitting and supporting organisations

Submittor:

Grey Power Federation comprises 73 autonomous non-sectarian and non-political local Associations, each of which is an incorporated society with constitutions consistent with the Federation's. The Federation's combined membership is approximately 60,000. Its aim is to advance, promote and protect the welfare and well-being of people of 50 years and over in New Zealand, both directly or in conjunction with other organisations or bodies with similar aims or purposes. It was established in 1986 and incorporated in 1990, to support older people in their concerns including superannuation, health, costs of energy and rates. Grey Power members grew up in an egalitarian society. They overwhelmingly reject electricity regulation that continues to transfer wealth from all consumers to investors and a tiny number of high-salaried individuals. Our focus on electricity prices derives from this ever-increasing trend. Our high priority to health issues lies behind our concerns about the health impacts of poorly heated houses.

Supporting organisations

Age Concern is committed to serving the needs of older people, koroua and kuia. Through a national office and a nationwide network of 35 Age Concerns, we provide services, information and support to older people in response to local needs. We are active and vocal on issues affecting older people, taking every opportunity to work towards our vision of an inclusive society where older people are respected, valued, supported and empowered .

Disabled Persons Assembly (DPA) is the national assembly of people with disabilities. It is an umbrella organisation for the full range of people with disabilities in New Zealand. DPA has some 1,200 individual members who either have disabilities themselves, or are the parent, or guardian of a person with a disability and some 300 corporate members who represent or deliver services to people with disabilities. DPA advocates across the range of age and impairment at a societal level and this issue-level advocacy is grounded in human rights.

New Zealand Council of Christian Social Services (NZCCSS) works for a just and compassionate society in Aotearoa New Zealand. We see this as a continuation of the mission of Jesus Christ. In seeking to fulfil this mission, we are committed to giving priority to the poor and vulnerable members of our society and Te Tiriti O Waitangi (The Treaty of Waitangi). NZCCSS has six foundation members: the Anglican Care Network, Baptist Churches of New Zealand, Catholic Social Services, Presbyterian Support New Zealand Inc and Methodist and Salvation Army Churches. Through their networks and approximately five hundred social service delivery sites, NZCCSS members make a significant contribution to New Zealand's social wellbeing.

Peace Movement Aotearoa (PMA) is the national networking peace organisation in Aotearoa New Zealand, an NGO registered as an Incorporated Society in 1982. As the realisation of human rights is integral to the creation and maintenance of peaceful societies, promoting respect for them is a key aspect of our work. We have provided NGO reports to: the Special Rapporteur on Indigenous

Peoples' Rights in 2005; the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination in 2007 and 2013; jointly with the Aotearoa Indigenous Rights Trust and others, to the Human Rights Council for New Zealand's Universal Periodic Review in 2008 and 2009; the Human Rights Committee in 2009 and 2010; the Committee on the Rights of the Child in 2010 and 2011; and the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in 2011 and 2012.

Public Health Association of New Zealand is an umbrella voluntary association for the wide range of professional disciplines working in the field of public health to promote informed public debate on health and health services and to support informed and coordinated action on public health issues.

Rural Women New Zealand (RWNZ) advocates for families and communities in rural areas. It advocates for better health, social, education outcomes. It is well known that rural New Zealanders are living in colder homes, which becomes even more extreme the more isolated and further inland they may live. RWNZ has also provided home care support to people in their homes since 1927 and these days through its charitable company Access Homehealth. One of the consistent concerns that we have is the burden of fuel poverty, that with limited incomes is unaffordable, and exacerbated where a person is house bound. RWNZ believes that it is a human right to be able to live in a home that is sufficiently heated to maintain good health. Good health allows a person to fully participate in society. A cold home means poor health and social isolation.

Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) Aotearoa is the national Section of WILPF, an international non-governmental organisation with Sections in 40 countries, covering all continents. WILPF Aotearoa has two members on the International WILPF Board. WILPF has Consultative Status with ECOSOC, UNESCO and UNCTAD; and special relations with the ILO, FAO, UNICEF, and other UN organisations and agencies. Since its establishment in 1915, WILPF has brought together women from around the world who are united in working for peace by non-violent means, promoting political, economic and social justice for all.