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Via email: feedbackauroraplan@comcom.govt.nz

Dear Sir / Madam,

AURORA CPP TECHNICAL CHANGES SUBMISSION – ITEM 7.2

Thank you for your continued focus on the Aurora CPP Investment Plan and the impact it will have on the wellbeing of our communities. As noted in our previous submissions, issues relating to affordability, energy resilience and ability to take climate action (through electrification) remain.

However, as requested by the Commission, this submission relates only to the two technical changes released on the 4th February 2021.

The change outlined at 7.2 of the consultation document permits Aurora to increase its prices on 1st April 2021 (a process which has to be signaled well in advance), despite the Commission potentially not having made its final determination on the CPP until 31st March. The change will allow Aurora a 60 day window to amend pricing if not aligned with the Commission's decision.

Should this occur, our communities will experience two price changes in rapid succession, creating unnecessary confusion and budgetary disruption. As such, our recommendation is that Aurora should not be permitted to make price changes until such a time as they have received the Commission's decision and made the necessary notifications that prices will change. A single price change that takes into account the final decision would be a simple and logical approach that provides clarity for our communities.

QLDC will continue to engage in this process to advocate for the best outcomes for our communities and would welcome the chance to further represent the District at any future meetings, hearings or steering groups that result from this consultation process.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment.

Yours faithfully,



Jim Boulton
Mayor



Mike Theelen
Chief Executive