



29 November 2017

Luke O'Dwyer  
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Hamilton City Council  
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Hamilton 3240

Dear Luke,

**Submission by WEL Networks to Proposed Plan Change 2 – Te Awa Lakes Private Plan Change**

Please find attached submission by WEL Networks Limited on the Proposed Plan Change 2 – Te Awa Lakes Private Plan Change.

Please contact me if you have any questions relating to our submission.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'K. Broughton'.

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## **1. PART A – INTRODUCTION**

### **1.1 WEL Networks Limited**

WEL Networks Limited (“WEL”) is an Electricity Distributor operating under the Electricity Act 1992, which owns, operates and develops electricity distribution infrastructure in the Waikato Region to provide line function services to over 89,000 consumer connections. This includes the distribution of electricity to all residences and businesses within Hamilton City.

WEL, as a network utility operator under the Resource Management Act 1991, has the responsibility of providing a secure and efficient supply of electricity to the community within WEL’s distribution network area. WEL’s network of cables and lines allows every household, business, school, medical facility and other types of consumer to have access to electricity.

## **2. PART B - WEL’S SUBMISSION TO PROPOSED PLAN CHANGE 2 – TE AWA LAKES PRIVATE PLAN CHANGE**

WEL acknowledges Proposed Plan Change 2 – Te Awa Lakes Private Plan Change will enable a range of activities associated with establishing a tourism and recreational destination for the region, supported by new residential and business uses. The proposal will likely enhance employment opportunities through new businesses created within and around the new development and contribute towards remedying the shortfall of housing in Hamilton.

WEL requests that the applicant engages early with WEL’s representatives in order to determine the type of infrastructure required for the development and any legal arrangements (such as easements) or Council negotiations for network utility equipment within road reserve. Early engagement will enable WEL to plan for the capacity and electricity supply required for the development, subject to appropriate commercial and legal arrangements. These arrangements will need to cover the following:

- The ongoing development of the project including line (overhead and underground) relocations and replacements;
- Upgrading and extending WEL’s electricity network to the site;
- Installation of an electrical network into the development; and
- Any easement agreements, or surrender and/or variation of any existing easements, that will be required including completion of any easement(s) for the block(s) of land over, under or through which WEL’s equipment would be installed.