

Welcome to the WESCT April 2021 newsletter.

As locals, the WESCT Trustees are proud to own The Lines Company (TLC) on behalf of you, its customers—helping to ensure benefits like discounts on your bills and jobs for local people can continue for the greater good of our community.

# News

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## Energy sector events

WESCT trustees Carolyn Christian and Janette Osborne attended the Downstream Conference 2021 in Lower Hutt last month, while Erin Gray attended the Electricity Network Association (ENA) Consumer Reference Panel in February.

Regarded as the New Zealand energy sector's top strategic forum, the Downstream Conference covers current energy sector challenges and opportunities. Dominant themes this year centred around the government's renewable electricity targets.

The ENA panel mainly discussed electric vehicles (EVs) and the impact of their energy demand on electricity networks.

The electricity industry is working to prepare for the increased use of EVs. Most EV users charge their vehicles at night, ready for use the next day. If EV usage rates continue to rise, loading of the network system will become a real issue and a challenge that all lines companies will need to consider in the next few years.



## Poll approves plan to sell hydro assets

Thank you to all the WESCT customers who voted in our recent poll on the proposed sale of three small hydro-electricity generation assets owned by The Lines Company (TLC).

The result of the poll was 72% in favour of selling the assets.

Following this poll result, TLC will now look to move forward with

selling the assets by way of a competitive tender process.

Please be assured this is not the start of a wider asset sale process.