

Welcome to the WESCT July 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 locals can continue to help people in our community.



Over May and June, WESCT and the TLC Board discuss the annual Statement of Corporate Intent, and the TLC Board submits its final version by the 30th June.

As part of the process, WESCT provides a Letter of Expectation (LoE), which helps the TLC Board set the direction of TLC's performance goals and objectives in areas such as customer relationships, health & safety and business management. WESCT publish the Statement of Corporate Intent on their website **wesct.org.nz**

This year the LoE built on the great TLC outcomes from the last financial year. WESCT continue to look for TLC to build and maintain assets for the long term, keep the reliability of supply a top priority, and future-proof the network to meet the changing technology needs of our community.

As TLC states in the SCI, "what we do today will have a demonstrable impact on communities across our network for generations to come". An example of this focus is the installation of three more quick-charge EV charging stations at Whakamaru, Piopio and Taumarunui.

WESCT trustees also asked TLC to continue to: actively support local social initiatives and regional development; to continue its work to address energy hardship and affordability; and actively promote energy education, specifically through the Maru Energy Trust. With the improved performance of the business, funding to these areas will increase significantly.

We're looking forward to another busy year and hope you are all keeping warm and well over the winter months. What we do today will have a demonstrable impact on communities across our network for generations to come.