



Nau mai! Welcome to the WESCT newsletter. The WESCT Trustees are proud to own The Lines Company (TLC) on behalf of you, the customers, ensuring benefits such as bill savings and jobs for our local community.

# News

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## Economic benefit from local community ownership

TLC is a significant local business that creates economic wealth for our region.

The independent 2020 Ownership Review Poll showed local ownership of TLC provided locally based training (e.g. for trainee line mechanics), skilled job opportunities, and career paths for over 118 people who work at TLC and live in our community. Having valuable services providing these career paths is essential for our young people.

Another benefit of TLC being owned by our community is having the TLC main office in Te Kūiti. This makes sure local knowledge is local, it's not in Auckland, or overseas. It means TLC can provide the highest levels of services to you – not a benefit all other networks enjoy.

### Read more at:

[www.wesct.org.nz/critical-investments-keep-the-region-running](http://www.wesct.org.nz/critical-investments-keep-the-region-running)



## 'A' Trustee elections – Nominations Open

*Could you be the next trustee on the WESCT Board?*

WESCT has six trustees: three 'A' trustees elected by customers, two 'B' trustees elected by major customers, and 'A' Trustees appoint one trustee.

Current 'A' Trustees are Erin Gray of Te Kūiti, Janette Osborne of Waitomo, and William Oliver of Te Kūiti.

'A' trustees' positions expire after three years on 30th of September 2023.

If you are interested in becoming a trustee, nominations for 'A' trustees open **Thursday 29 June**.

For information on nominations and the election process visit: <https://www.wesct.org.nz/elections/>

## Investing in the network of the future

Across the next 10 years, TLC is budgeting around \$203m for network renewals and upgrades to support growth across its network – benefiting the people of the greater King Country through the provision of safe, reliable and innovative energy services.

## Paying too much for power?

Find your cheapest electricity plan from participating retailers with Consumer NZ's free, independent check – Powerswitch. Over 90% of people who use Powerswitch find real savings, by an average of \$300 per year!

## Community funding round set to help locals

Applications for TLC's latest round of community funding are now open. Local groups can apply at [thelinescompany.co.nz/sponsorship](http://thelinescompany.co.nz/sponsorship)