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Dear Matt

## Transpower's Redclyffe (RDF) major capex project proposal

1. This is a brief submission from the Major Electricity Users' Group (MEUG) on the Commerce Commission's (Commission) reasons paper "*Transpower's Redclyffe (RDF) major capex project proposal – draft decision*"<sup>1</sup> published on 9 December 2025. This submission does not contain any confidential information and can be published on the Commission's website unaltered. Members may lodge separate submissions.

### Support for Redclyffe investment

2. MEUG supports the Commission's draft decision to approve the Redclyffe (RDF) major capex project in the Hawke's Bay region. We consider that this is a pragmatic solution to improve the security of electricity supply and resilience of the infrastructure to floods, following the damaging events of Cyclone Gabrielle. We recognise that the cost of this project will be shared amongst those customer groups within the region;<sup>2</sup> we await the final details on how the TPM will allocate this cost to individual customers.
3. We are comfortable with the approach proposed for the major capex allowance, the exempt major capex and the major capex incentive rate.<sup>3</sup> We also appreciate the upcoming opportunity to comment on the Capex Input Methodology changes regarding the deadband incentive mechanism.
4. If you have any questions regarding our submission, please contact MEUG on 027 472 7798 or via email at [karen@meug.co.nz](mailto:karen@meug.co.nz).

Yours sincerely



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<sup>1</sup> [Transpower's Redclyffe \(RDF\) major capex project proposal – draft decision](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Attachment 7 – TPM and Indicative Pricing Impacts](#)

<sup>3</sup> Paragraphs X10.1, 10.2 and 10.4 of the reasons paper.