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### **Consultation on the EECA energy levies funding proposal for 2026/27**

On behalf of Z Energy (Z), we appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed energy levy-funded activities for the 2026/27 year.

As one of Aotearoa New Zealand's leading transport energy companies, we take seriously our responsibility to be a modern energy provider. While continuing to meet New Zealanders' transport energy needs today, we also see it as our role to make alternative and lower emissions transport energy choices simpler and more accessible for our customers.

We continue to support Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority's (EECA) work programme to ensure New Zealand has a sustainable energy system. Z's response to the consultation is focused on the Petroleum or Engine Fuel Monitoring (PEFM) levy.

#### **The PEFM levy**

Z has a robust and detailed quality assurance plan to manage the quality of fuel we supply to our customers. However, it is important an independent scheme is in place to verify fuel quality and provide assurance to the public of the high-quality nature of fuels supplied in New Zealand.

The PEFM levy supports the national fuel quality monitoring scheme, led by the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment's (MBIE) Trading Standards team. This independent and statistically valid fuel quality monitoring scheme ensures the quality of fuels supplied in the domestic market are monitored and provides confirmation of the compliance of the fuels in line with New Zealand regulations.

We recommend EECA and MBIE continue to ensure statistically valid monitoring of the transport fuel products supplied to customers (as is currently undertaken) for the 2026/27 period, with this work being sufficiently funded by the PEFM levy. It is also important to ensure the PEFM levy can continue to support robust, statistically valid monitoring as New Zealand progresses through the energy transition, and that the funding collected adequately supports this level of monitoring.

Overall, Z supports the proposed 2026/27 funding EECA can recover via the energy levies to improve energy productivity and support carbon emission reductions in New Zealand. We believe the focus of the PEFM levy needs to remain on providing sufficient funding for the fuel quality monitoring scheme, to be fit for purpose now and as New Zealand's energy needs adapt.

Please don't hesitate to contact me directly if you would like to discuss Z's submission further.

Regards,

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