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Dear property owner/occupier

### **Trimming vegetation around power lines – first cut notice**

Orion New Zealand Ltd, the electricity distribution network in central Canterbury, operates a tree inspection and monitoring programme where by regulation we're required to carry out an initial cut of trees that threaten to come into contact with overhead power lines.

We do this work in accordance with the Electricity (Hazards from Trees) Regulations 2003, which requires all trees (including protected trees) and vegetation of any kind to be kept clear of overhead power lines. You can read more about these regulations and our requirements in the enclosed leaflet.

As owners of the power lines, we work hard to comply with the regulations and assist the owners of trees to do the same.

### **Location of vegetation trimming on your property**

We've noticed that some trees or vegetation are encroaching the required clearance limits around the power lines on your property at.... This means that the trees and/or vegetation will need to be trimmed to meet the above regulations.

To achieve this, we advise the following:

- **Free of charge**, Orion will carry out the **first cut** of any trees and/or vegetation close to the power lines on your property. After that it is your ongoing responsibility to manage this work.
- Our qualified arborists will only trim the trees and/or vegetation, including shrubs etc, clear of the lines. You can organise an overall full trim with the arborist if you wish, at your expense.
- If your trees and/or vegetation have been trimmed recently, our contractors will need to check that clearances meet the regulations and may have to enter your property to do this.
- If the trees and/or vegetation close to your lines are growing on a neighbouring property, our contractors may still need to enter your property or right-of-way to carry out the work.
- We aim to carry out the trimming work within 45 working days of this notice. You will receive another notification by letterbox drop when our contractors are due to start work in your area.
- Our contractor for this work is ..., and they can be contacted on.... All our contractors carry appropriate authorised contractor identification – please ask to see this if you are concerned.

- If you want to organise the tree and/or vegetation trimming yourself, please notify us within the next five working days.
- We don't offer any compensation for any trimming work carried out prior to this notification.

Our contractors will make every effort to trim for the best future benefit of your trees and vegetation, and in all cases they will remove any resulting debris.

If you have any questions about Orion's tree inspection and monitoring programme, please call us on telephone (03) 363 9898.

Yours faithfully