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Dear property owner/occupier

### **Trimming vegetation around power lines – hazard warning 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.

This letter is to advise you that you're now required to arrange a further cut. We have previously carried out a one-off trim on your property, so it is now your responsibility to keep the trees or vegetation clear of the power lines.

#### Trimming is required around power lines on your property

We've noticed that some trees or vegetation on your property at..... are approaching the required clearance limits around the power lines. We recommend that you arrange trimming of these trees or vegetation as soon as possible, to avoid them growing closer to the power lines and becoming a safety hazard. This trim needs to be carried out **at your expense**.

The Electricity (Hazards from Trees) Regulations 2003 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.

#### Action to be taken

To facilitate this work we recommend that you hire professionals with the necessary competencies and expertise to ensure that any vegetation cutting or trimming around power lines is carried out safely and appropriately.

This work must be undertaken by a competent worker who is qualified or trained in accordance with Section 3 of the approved "Code of Practice for Safety and Health in Tree Work – Part 2: Maintenance of Trees around Power Lines".

Please advise Orion of the time and location of the proposed cutting or trimming of the vegetation, at least three working days before the work begins. We can provide you with contact details for a number of qualified arborists.

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

Yours faithfully