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Dear Lee M

Thank you for your official information request of 28 January 2015, asking:

- *What consultation process was followed as required under section 38 of the Electricity Act 1992?*
- *If no consultation process was followed as required under section 38 of the Electricity Act 1992, how and why was the Minister satisfied that sufficient consultation had already taken place?*
- *What date was a notice published in the Gazette that the requirements of section 38 of the Electricity Act 1992 had been complied with?*

Because you have not specified which code you refer to, I have included all the Electricity Codes of Practice (ECPs) that are currently cited by the Electricity (Safety) Regulations 2010 in the table below. These ECPs are available on the [Electrical Codes of Practice](#) section of our website. Codes that are not currently cited can be accessed in the [Historical Electrical Codes of Practice](#) section of our website.

ECP	Title	Approval date	Notice	Notice date
ECP 34	New Zealand Electrical Code of Practice for Electrical Safe Distances (NZECP 34:2001)	21-Dec-01	<a href="#">2002-go445</a>	17-Jan-2002
ECP 35	New Zealand Electrical Code of Practice for Power Systems Earthing (NZECP 35:1993)	18-Mar-93	Not available online	
ECP 36	New Zealand Electrical Code of Practice for Harmonic Levels (NZECP 36:1993)	18-Mar-93	Not available online	
ECP 46	New Zealand Electrical Code of Practice for High Voltage Live Line Work (NZECP 46:2003)	19-Mar-03	<a href="#">2003-go2077</a>	27-Mar-2003
ECP 50	New Zealand Electrical Code of Practice for Repair and Maintenance of Domestic Electrical Appliances by the Owner of the Appliance (NZECP 50:2004)	27-Jul-04	<a href="#">2004-go5119</a>	5-Aug-2001
ECP 51	New Zealand Electrical Code of Practice for Homeowner/Occupier's Electrical Wiring Work in Domestic Installations (NZECP 51:2004)	27-Jul-04	<a href="#">2004-go5119</a>	5-Aug-2001

ECP 54	New Zealand Electrical Code of Practice for the Installation of Recessed Luminaires and Auxiliary Equipment (NZECP 54:2001)	13-Jun-01	<u>2001-go4191</u>	21-Jun-2001
ECP 60	New Zealand Electrical Code of Practice for Inspection, Testing and Certification of Low Voltage A.C. Railway Signalling Control Circuits (NZECP 60:1997)	11-Mar-98	<u>1998-go1895</u>	26-Mar-1998

These ECPs were developed and approved under the process set out in Part 4 of the Electricity Act 1992. In all cases the development process complied with section 38, including the Ministerial approval specified in section 38.

The process, which I have outlined below, is consistent with best practice at the time for development of standards. In the case of ECP 34 and ECP 35 we have not been able to verify the date the approval was published because Gazette notices before September 1993 are not available online.

The electricity safety regulator (now Energy Safety) convened committees to draft each ECP. These committees were made up of experts with relevant expertise, and included representatives of the key stakeholders likely to be affected by the ECP. The published ECPs identify the organisations represented on the committee that developed each ECP.

Each ECP includes the notice of approval by the responsible Minister, as it appeared in the Gazette.


You have the right to request a review of this response by the Ombudsman, whose contact details are:

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Yours sincerely



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