
ORDINARY MEETING
OF
MĀKARA/ŌHĀRIU COMMUNITY BOARD
MINUTES

Time: 7:00pm
Date: Thursday, 16 June 2022
Venue: **Ōhāriu Valley Hall**
550 Ohariu Valley Road
Wellington

PRESENT

John Apanowicz (Chair)
Christine Grace (Deputy Chair)
Darren Hoskins
Chris Renner
Wayne Rudd
Hamish Todd

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1 Meeting Conduct

1.1 Karakia

The Chairperson declared the meeting open at 7:00pm and invited members to stand and read the following karakia to open the meeting.

**Whakataka te hau ki te uru,
Whakataka te hau ki te tonga.
Kia mākinakina ki uta,
Kia mātaratara ki tai.
E hī ake ana te atākura.
He tio, he huka, he hauhū.
Tihei Mauri Ora!**

Cease oh winds of the west
and of the south
Let the bracing breezes flow,
over the land and the sea.
Let the red-tipped dawn come
with a sharpened edge, a touch of frost,
a promise of a glorious day

1.2 Apologies

No apologies were received.

1.3 Conflict of Interest Declarations

No conflicts of interest were declared.

1.4 Confirmation of Minutes

Moved Wayne Rudd, seconded Darren Hoskins

Resolved

That the Makara/Ohariu Community Board:

1. Approves the minutes of the Makara/Ohariu Community Board Meeting held on 5 May 2022, having been circulated, that they be taken as read and confirmed as an accurate record of that meeting.

Carried

1.5 Public Participation

There were no requests for public participation.

1.6 Items not on the Agenda

There were no items not on the agenda.

2. Oral Reports

2.1 Wellington Electricity Update

Ray Hardy (General Manager Asset Management), Howard Smith (Customer Service Manager), Dorothy Mann (Customer Resolutions Coordinator) and Angela Watty (Stakeholder Relationship Manager) gave an update on Wellington Electricity's work in the Mākara and Ōhāriu areas.

Attachment: Presentation for Ohariu Valley and Makara Community 2022

2.2 Transport Update

Steve Wright gave an update on transport projects and issues in the Mākara and Ōhāriu areas.

2.3 **Members' Updates**

No members' updates were received.

2.4 **Chairperson's Update**

John Apanowicz gave an update on some resource consents and discussed some upcoming consultations and engagements.

3. Reports

3.1 Resource Consent applications and approvals for 26 April 2022 to 6 June 2022

Moved Darren Hoskins, seconded Hamish Todd, the following motion

Resolved

That the Makara/Ohariu Community Board:

1. Receive the information.

Carried

3.2 Current and Upcoming Consultations and Engagements

Moved Hamish Todd, seconded Darren Hoskins, the following motion

Resolved

That the Makara/Ohariu Community Board:

1. Receive the information.

Carried

3.3 Forward Programme

Moved Wayne Rudd, seconded Christine Grace, the following motion

Resolved

That the Makara/Ohariu Community Board:

1. Receive the information.
2. Approve the current work programme, subject to any required changes.

Carried

The meeting concluded at 8:32pm with the reading of the following karakia:

Unuhia, unuhia, unuhia ki te uru tapu nui	Draw on, draw on
Kia wātea, kia māmā, te ngākau, te tinana, te wairua	Draw on the supreme sacredness To clear, to free the heart, the body
I te ara takatū	and the spirit of mankind
Koia rā e Rongo, whakairia ake ki runga	Oh Rongo, above (symbol of peace)
Kia wātea, kia wātea	Let this all be done in unity
Āe rā, kua wātea!	

Authenticated: _____

Chair



Presentation for Ohariu Valley & Makara Community 2022

Ray Hardy: GM Asset Management

Howard Smith : Customer Service Manager

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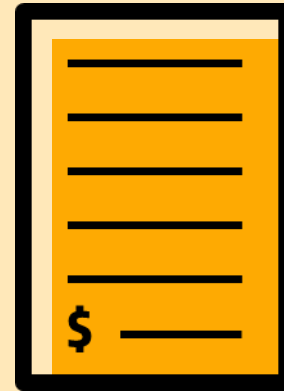
Why are WE* here today?



To talk with you about:



1. Who are WE*?



3. Future pricing



2. Network
Performance in
your area



4. Your thoughts

Who are WE*?



WE* covers Wellington, Hutt Valley and Porirua areas:



Responsible for maintaining the:

- poles
- wires (lines)
- other equipment

Powering approx.

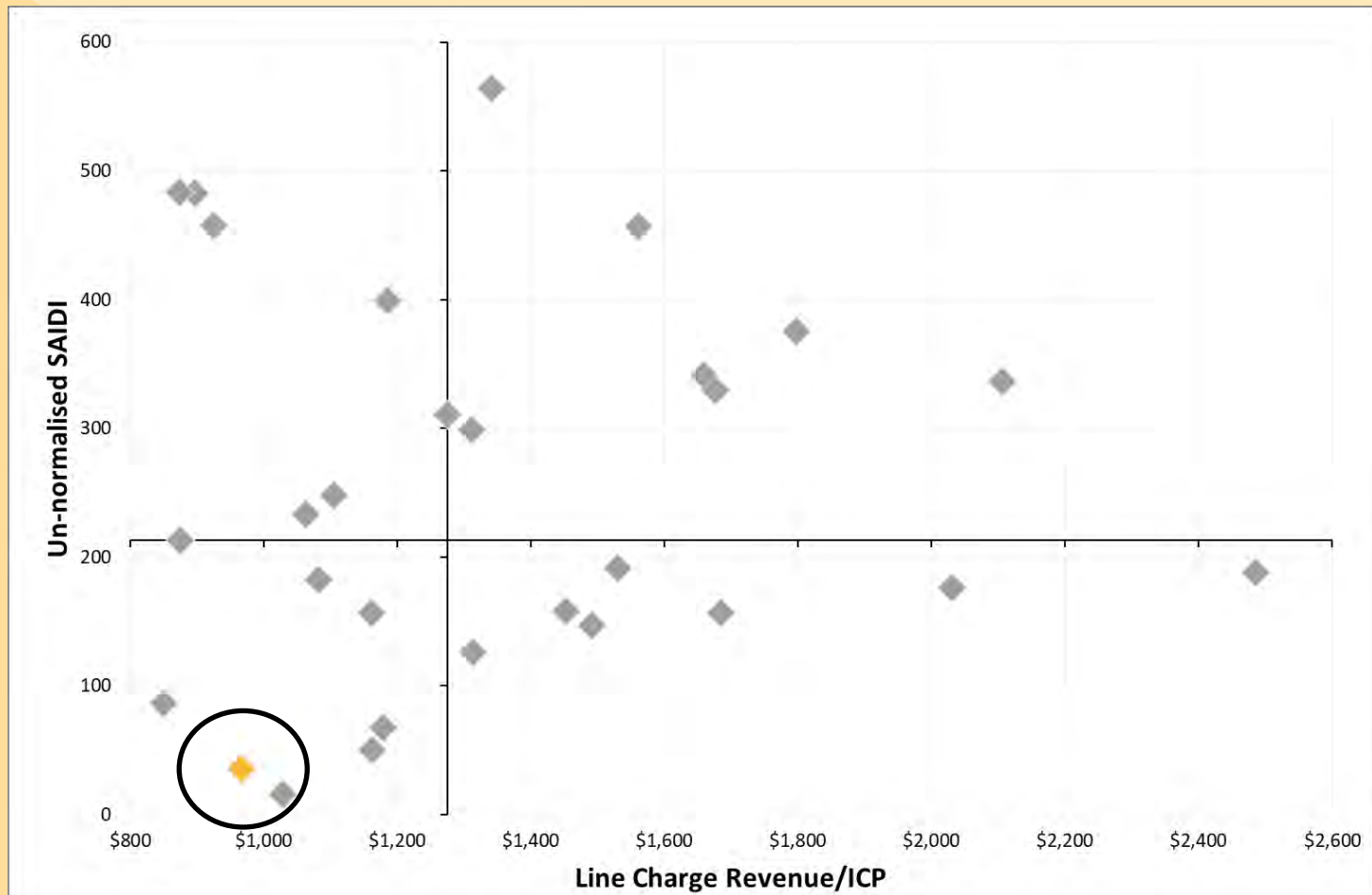
172,000 homes and businesses

400,000 customers

How are WE* doing?



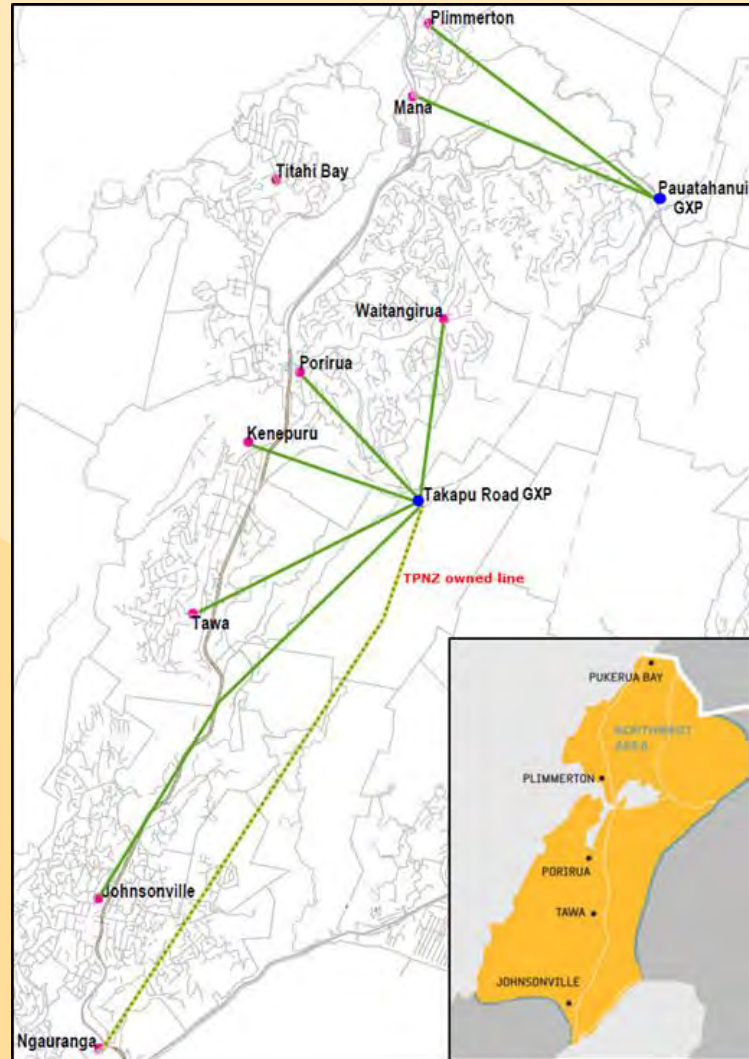
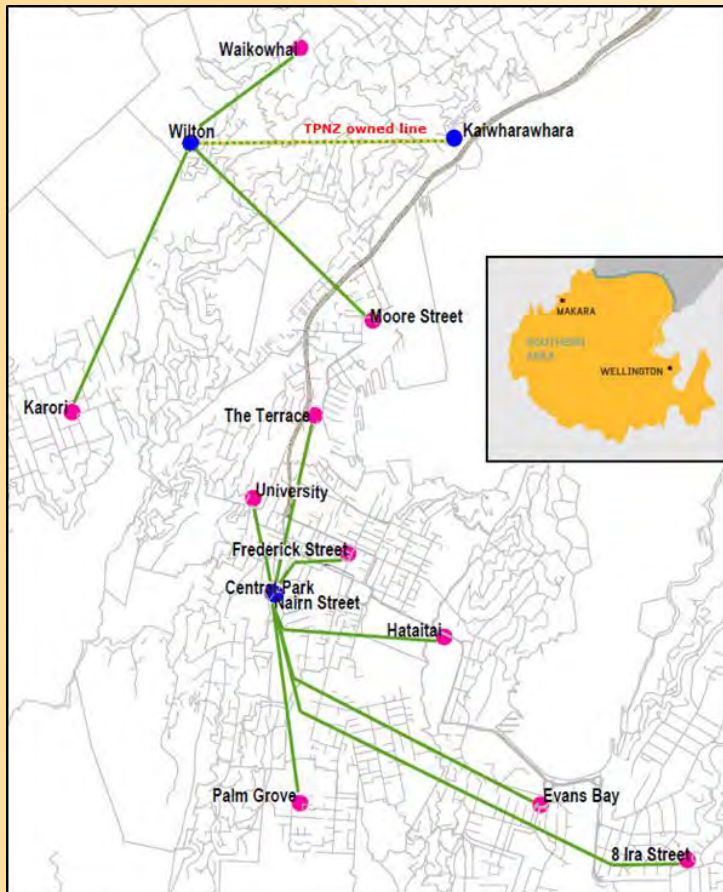
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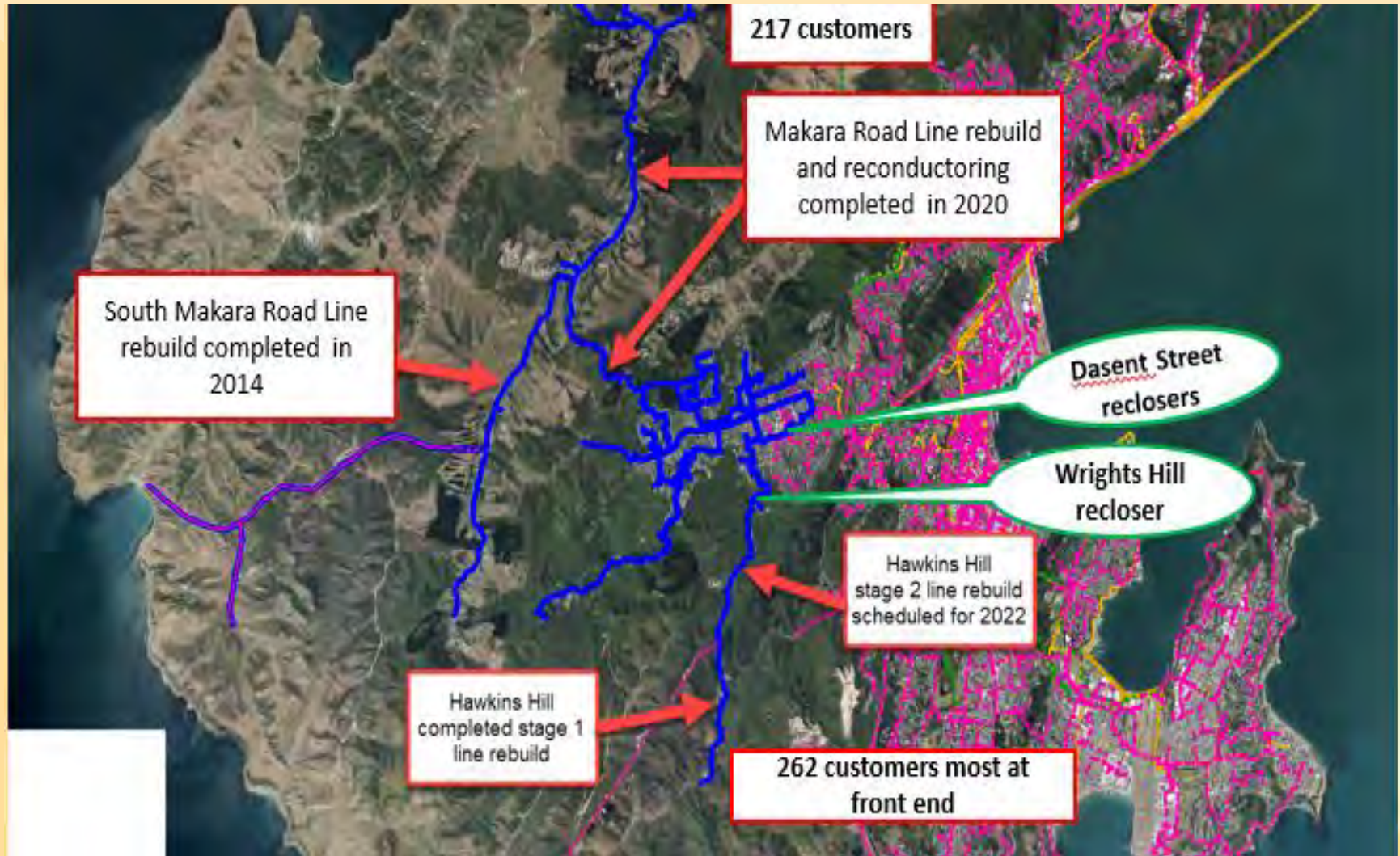
The Wellington Network

9 GXP's

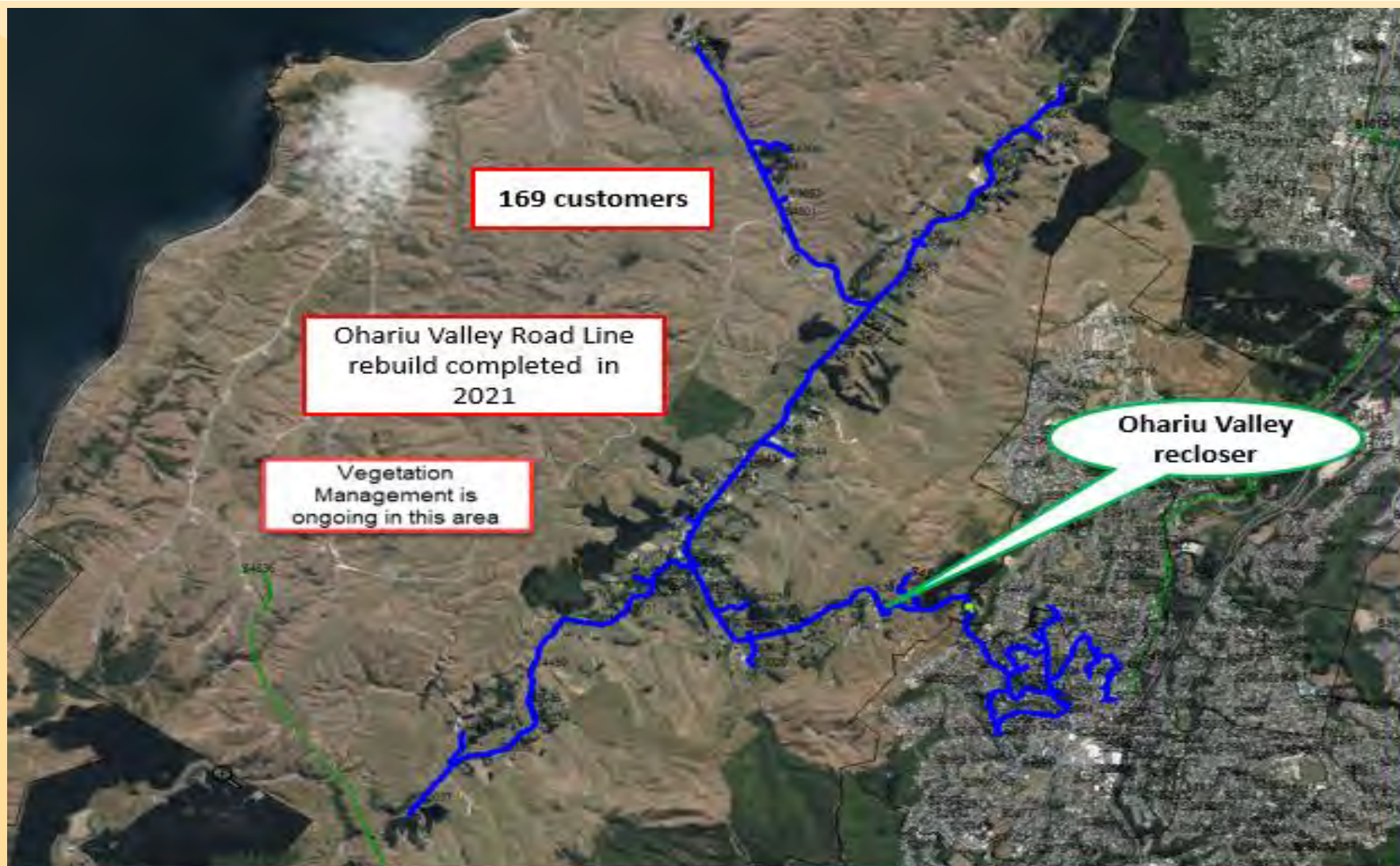
27 Zone Substations



Your Local Area Network – Makara Current Plans



Your Local Area Network – Ohariu Current Plans



What causes outages in your area



1. Vegetation (trees and plants)



2. No fault found (e.g. trees hitting the lines intermittently due to wind conditions)



3. Overhead equipment

4. Planned work



5. Weather



Vegetation-related fault examples



- Problem:** A tree falls on the line (causing outage)
Fault: Permanent – needs repair
Difficulty: Easy to find
Action: The recloser will try to re-liven the supply automatically, then cut the power for public safety reasons
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- Problem:** A branch blows onto and away from the power line intermittently (causing disruption)
Fault: Momentary fault
Difficulty: Challenging – leaves no sign of point of impact
Action: The entire line gets patrolled and typically this is determined as 'no fault found' as power supply can continue
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- Problem:** A branch blows onto a power line but is burned clear of the line
Fault: Transient fault
Difficulty: Typically self-resolving
Action: The recloser will try to re-liven the line and if successful, there is no noticeable interruption.

Key Definitions

Growth Zone

Where we're legally required and allowed to cut.

Service Line

Underground or overhead line which connects our network to your house.

First Cut

Cut or trim for trees impacting network lines. Service lines are not eligible for 1st cuts.

Cut or Trim Notice

Letter issued to property owner when tree is getting close to network power lines.

No Interest

Where a tree owner declares they have no interest in the tree and it meets specific regulations, WE* may remove the tree.



Hazard Notice

May be issued when tree has the potential to impact the network power lines but is outside of the 'No-Grow' Zone

Managing vegetation - responsibilities



Trees have been one of the top 2 reasons for outages since 2017.

WE* will:

- **Identify:** trees that are too close to power lines, through our arborist company Treescape
- **Issue:** a notice to homeowners to trim trees that are too close to lines and require professional trimming
- **Cover:** the cost of trimming back a new tree, if it's the first time it's been too close to the lines (but from there on in the cost is the homeowner's)

You need to:

- **Maintain:** a safe distance between your trees and other vegetation and overhead lines
- **Hire:** a professional arborist if the trees are too close or are touching the lines - it is illegal to do this yourself when vegetation gets closer than 4 meters of any lines (33kV, 11kV, 230 or 400v lines).

Future pricing – NZ's Emissions Reduction Plan



Revised carbon trading scheme – all emissions priced correctly



Developing carbon sinks – plantation and native forests



Reducing agriculture emissions



Transition to renewable electricity generation

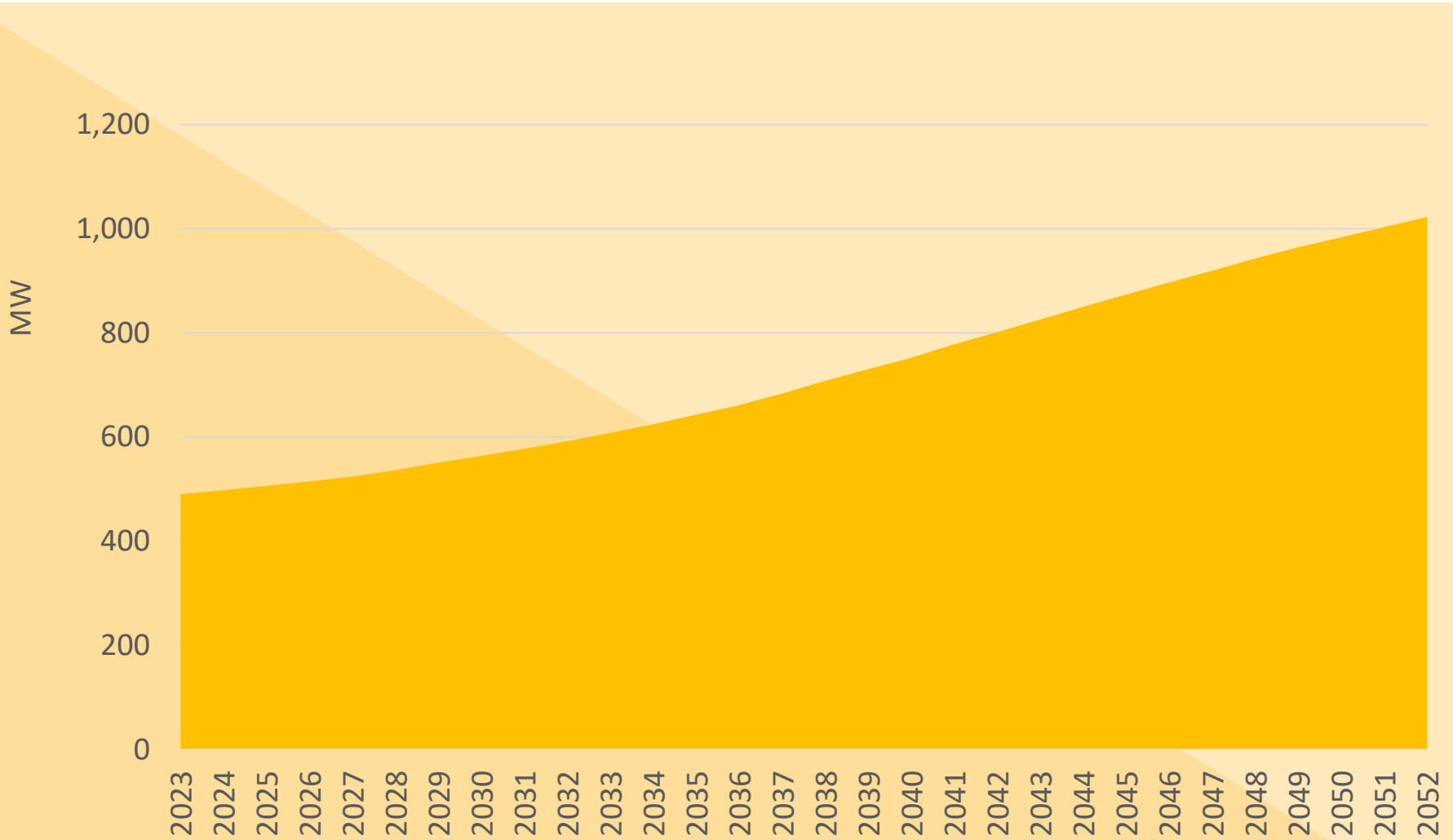


Transition from gas to electricity for home and business use



Electrification of the transport fleet

Future pricing – doubling electricity demand

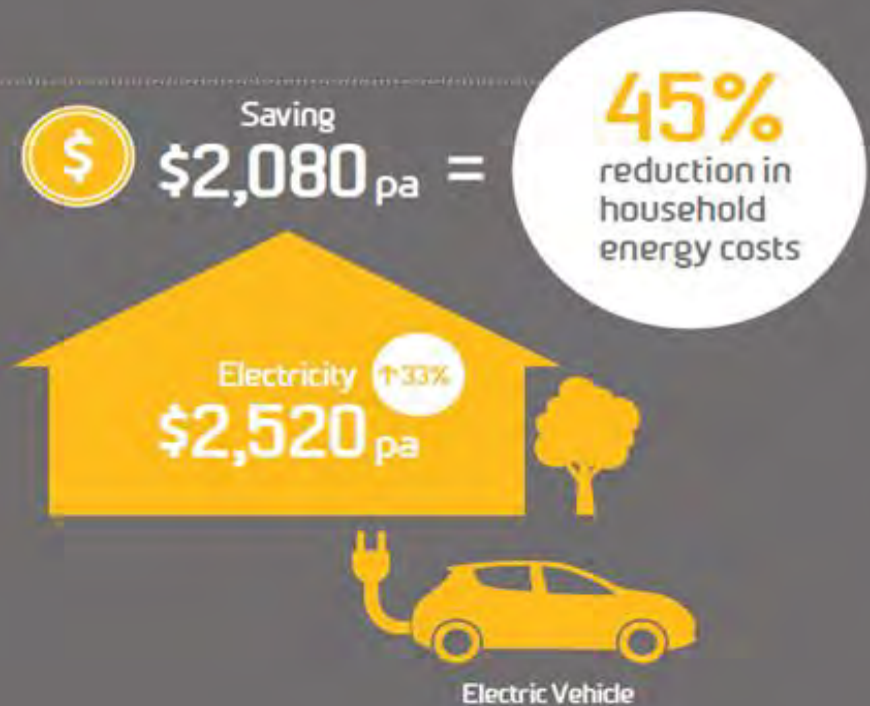
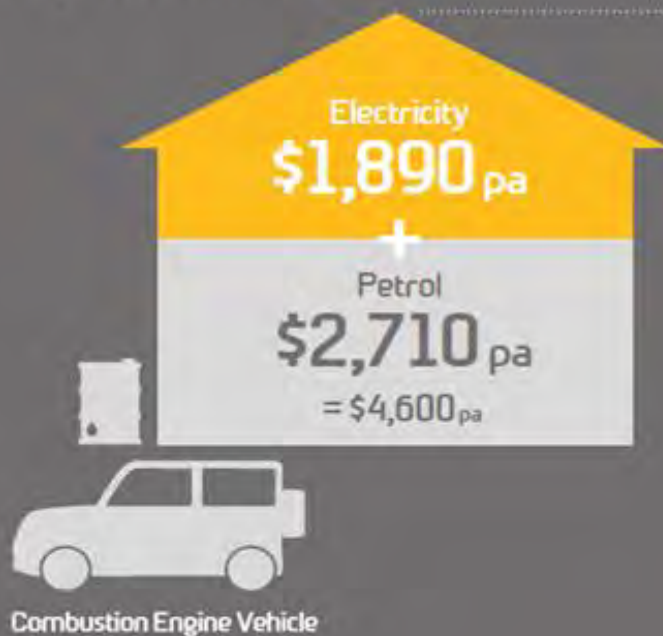


Household energy costs



*33% increase in estimated average annual residential electricity consumption for EV owners is offset by zero petrol costs.

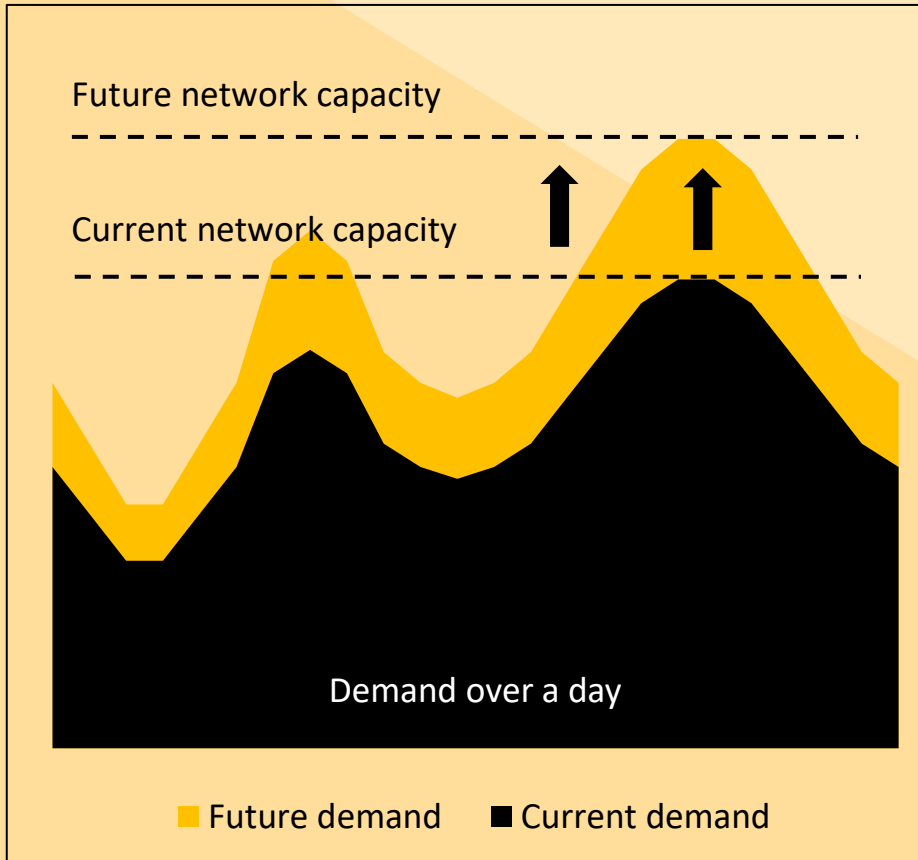
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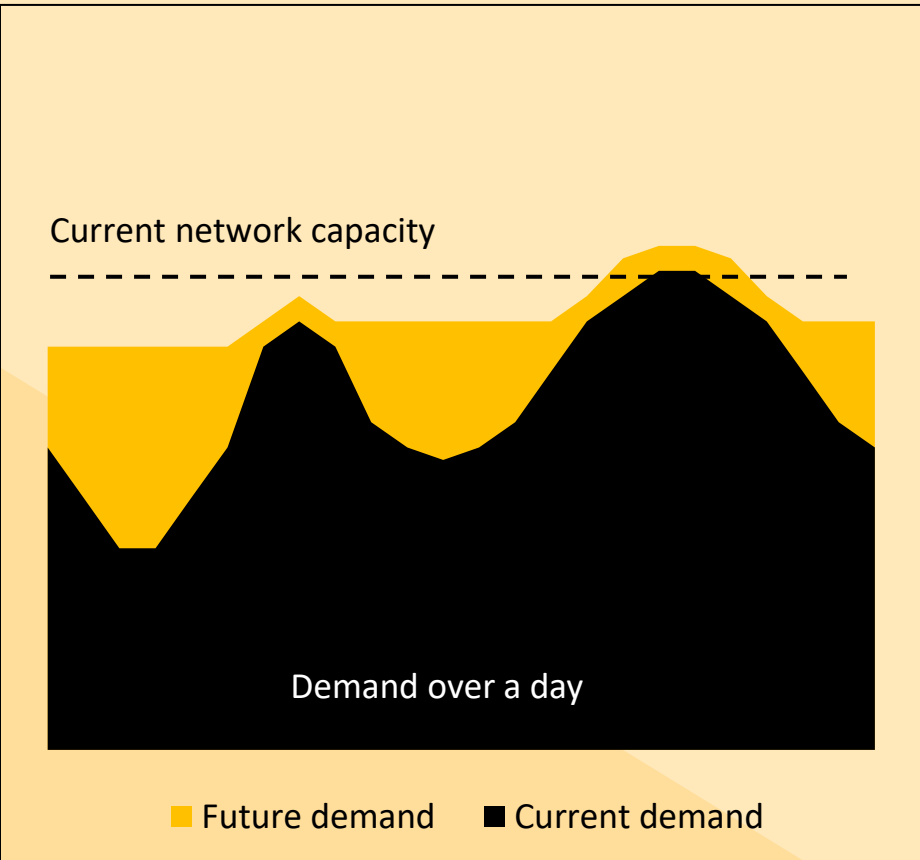
Keeping prices low by changing how we use electricity



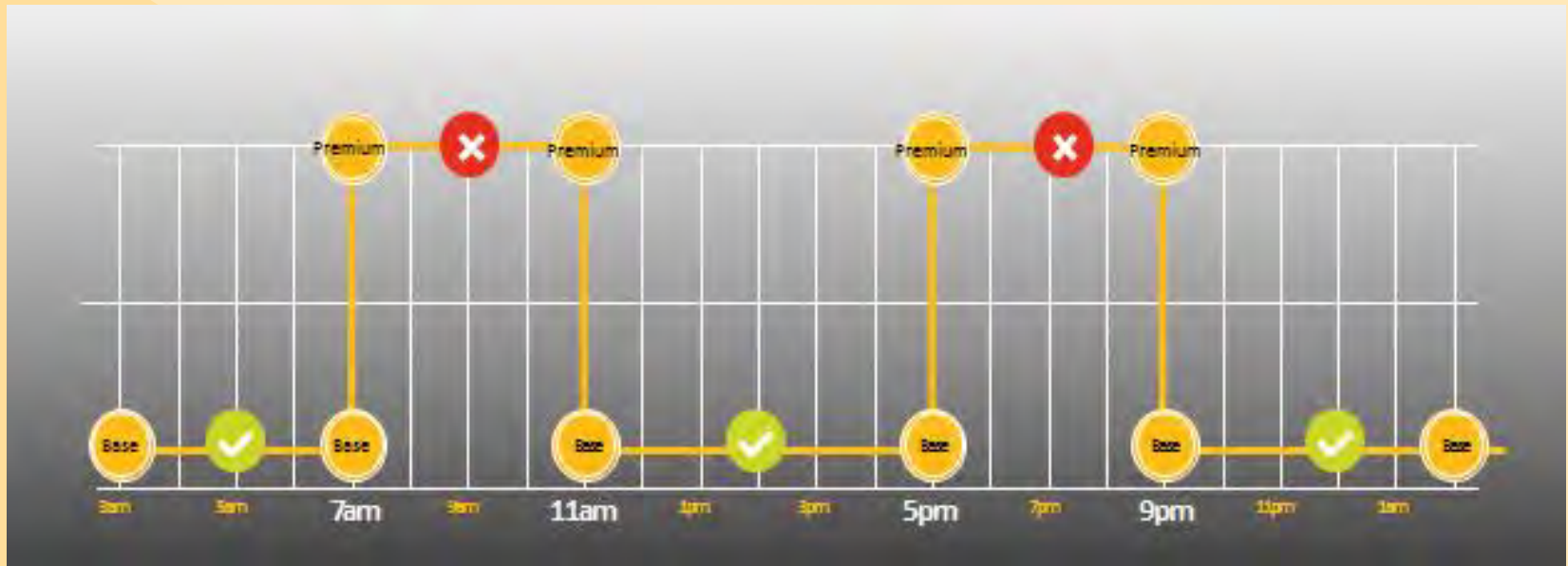
Without controlling future demand



Controlling future demand



Time of use prices



How can you contact us



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