

Network Waitaki



Applicant location	National
Role	Board member
Closes	16 May 2025
Remuneration	To be advised
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Organisation description

Network Waitaki owns and operates a predominately rural electricity distribution network, supplying the North Otago, Hakataramea, and Ahuriri regions. Our core business is the provision, operation and management of electricity infrastructure. Network Waitaki is owned by the Waitaki Power Trust and director appointments are made by the Trust.

We are looking for specific skills to help shape our future investment and response to growing demand and climate change.

Particular skills/competencies sought

The current board has a wide range of industry and business expertise. The successful applicant must be able to demonstrate:

- How their Commercial or business experience will add value
- An understanding of the industry, future opportunities, and challenges
- Strong customer focus
- Effective governance experience, including curiosity and constructive challenging
- Awareness of modern risk management practices and achieving best practice health, safety and wellbeing culture and results.

Commitment required

The Board meets monthly for one (1) full day. Plus, strategic meetings, field visits and committee meetings as required.

Term

Three (3) years, with the opportunity to serve a maximum of three (3) terms.

Geographical Considerations

Preference will be given to a suitable applicant that resides in the Waitaki District. Our Trust Deed specifies a required number of local board members.

Apply

To apply, please send your CV and cover letter outlining why you would be an ideal candidate to Sandra Tonkin: secretary@waitakipowertrust.co.nz

Time commitment

- 10 Board meetings per year, none in January or November, 9am to 3 pm, Board room Oamaru
- Meetings are traditionally held on either the 4th Monday or the last Monday of the month
- Board papers are sent out 5 days prior to a Board meeting
- Separate risk committee meeting via zoom 4 times per year for those on the risk committee
- Audit committee meets 3 or 4 times a year, usually prior to a Board meeting
- Attendance at the staff Health and safety meeting once per year (prior to Board meeting by rotation)
- An off-site strategy meeting once per year
- An annual visit to another EDB or associated industry
- Invitation to industry events and the Trust conference (optional)

Induction process

- An induction pack will be supplied by NWL

Review Process

- The Board reviews its performance every second year using IOD peer review and “Catalyst4change” 360-degree review including feedback from the CEO, senior staff and the Waitaki Power Trust

Property

- Board members will be supplied with a NWL iPad if required, Board papers are distributed via the secure “Board Pro” platform
- A hard copy of the Board papers can be supplied upon request, but company preference is for electronic distribution
- PPE dedicated to the Board is held at the office for use on site visits
- All property must be returned to Network Waitaki on completion of Directorship.

Personal development

- NWL will financially assist Directors with further Governance training on a case-by-case basis

Health Insurance

- Directors can participate in the Company Health Insurance program on the same basis as a regular employee

Directors Insurance /indemnity

- The company covers full directors’ indemnity insurance

Directors’ fees

- Paid monthly – currently

Travel and accommodation

- All travel and accommodation associated with NWL Board commitments is covered by NWL