

## Niue electricity regulations

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Niue has very limited indigenous energy resources and faces a growing dependence on imported petroleum and a range of environmental and public safety issues related to petroleum supply. The country has limited technical expertise and constraint financial resources. Against this background Niue is carefully considering both the future role of the energy sector in the nation's development and, importantly, the approach that Government will take in securing a sustainable supply of energy.

Through the implementation of a National Energy Policy the Government seeks to increase the contribution of the energy sector to the welfare of the nation in an efficient, equitable and sustainable manner. Energy policy, and the agency responsible for its implementation, will function as part of the nation's overall development strategy. In this regard, the Policy recognizes the pivotal role of the current Niue Strategic Development Plan and relevant legislation.

The National Energy Policy states briefly and precisely the Government's policies for the planning and management of the nation's energy sector over the next 10-15 years. It provides explicit frameworks within which public and private energy sector participants can make informed planning and investment decisions and manage their operations for the long term. These policies also define the nature and extent of Government's control and management of the energy sector.

The purpose of the NEAP is to restate Niue's energy policies in conjunction with a more detailed action program and guidelines that will provide the blueprint for Government's in planning and management of energy programmes over the life of the policy statement.

While some of the policies may take longer to achieve than others, it is important that Government remain committed to its National Energy Policy as a whole and, most importantly, provide the institutional and administrative resources necessary to achieve its policies.

In many cases, these policies and guidelines will appear self-evident. However, it remains essential for Government to have them committed to paper and adopted at the most senior level if they are to become, and to remain, the focus of Government's longer term planning and management of the national energy sector.

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In order for the Government to play a more meaningful role in shaping and managing the Niue energy sector, and to reduce the uncertainty in decision making for both the public and private sectors, Government must establish and maintain the capacity to formulate, implement and monitor national energy policies and programmes in a co-ordinated manner.

This will require an appropriately trained and resourced energy co-coordinator within the Premier's department, supported by advice and direction from energy sector stakeholders.

The Government recognises the national benefits of amalgamating Niue's petroleum and power supply agencies. The Niue Bulk Fuel Supply Authority and the Niue Electrical Power Supply Authority and Niue Water on a more autonomous and commercially orientated footing. Concurrently, the Government will establish the Niue Energy Authority Board to oversee the longer-term direction and management of the utilities and to provide a channel for their public scrutiny and participation.

? Appoint an independent energy coordinator. ? Provide necessary budgetary support to implement energy activities. ? Continuously undertake research into energy technology, best practice, and tariff studies demand side management. ? Hold regular public consultation meetings with key stakeholders. ? Ensure that national policies are incorporated into sector plans.

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