

## General

100% of the shares in Marlborough Lines Ltd are held by the trustees of the Marlborough Electric Power Trust for the benefit of the company's electricity consumers.

The trustee duties include approving the Marlborough Lines Statement of Corporate Intent, appointing the company directors and monitoring director's performance, protecting the beneficiaries' interest and determining the allocation of electricity users' distributions from the Marlborough Lines' dividends received.

## 2024 Election

The Marlborough Electric Power Trust is made up of six elected trustees, three of whom are elected on a two-yearly rotational basis.

An election to fill the vacancies will occur by postal and online voting concluding on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

## Nominations

Nominations for the vacancies will open on **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2023** and close at **5pm Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2024**.

Candidates shall be a Consumer as defined by Clause 1.1(f) of the Trust Deed, whose electoral address is within the District and is not otherwise disqualified from holding office as a trustee by rule 2.10 of Schedule 1 of the Trust Deed.

Nomination forms will be available from the returning officer:

- by phoning 021 1200 737 to have one posted out;
- by calling at the offices of Blenheim Accounting, at 36 Maxwell Rd (until 21<sup>st</sup> December 2023) and 66 Seymour St (from 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024);
- downloading one from our website [www.mept.co.nz](http://www.mept.co.nz)

## Consumer Roll

Those eligible to vote at this election will be Consumers of Marlborough Lines Ltd as at the close of roll at **5pm on the 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024**. The printed roll will be available for inspection from Blenheim Accounting, 36 Maxwell Rd, Blenheim as from **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024**.

Each installation control point (ICP) connection shall qualify a person as a Consumer, so that such person shall be entitled to a vote in accordance with the number of such connections.

In respect of joint consumers, a vote will be deemed to have been exercised in the name of the joint Consumers upon receipt of the completed voting paper by the returning officer.

## Voting Period

Voting papers will either be emailed or posted to all eligible consumers from Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

Consumers may vote by:

- voting online (using the unique voter credentials shown in their email or on the voting paper); or
- posting their completed voting paper to the returning officer using the pre-paid envelope; or
- hand delivering their completed voting paper to a ballot box at Blenheim Accounting, 36 Maxwell Rd, Blenheim.

To be counted, all completed voting papers must be in the hands of the returning officer by **12 noon, Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024**.

The preliminary result will be known as soon as practicable after **12 noon, Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024**, and final results will be formally notified in the local papers **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2024**.

## Special Votes

Special Votes are available to electors:

- who do not receive their voting email or postal document previously sent to them; or
- who have spoiled or damaged a postal voting document previously sent to them.

Special voting documents are available from Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024 to noon Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024 by phoning the returning officer on 021 1200 727, for one to be posted out; or

- by phoning the Election Helpline on 0800 666 033
- in person at Blenheim Accounting, 66 Seymour St, Blenheim.

To confirm eligibility for a replacement voting document you will be asked to provide your name, address and your ICP number/(s).

Special votes cannot be collected by candidates or their assistants for distribution to electors.

## Contact details

The Returning Officer for this election of trustees to the Marlborough Electric Power Trust is:

Brenda Munro  
Marlborough Electric Power Trust  
PO Box 1025  
Blenheim 7240  
Phone 021 1200 737  
Email: [enquires@mept.co.nz](mailto:enquires@mept.co.nz)

And supported by:

electionz.com  
PO Box 3138  
Christchurch 8140  
Election Helpline: 0800 666 033

## Eligibility

Refer to the Eligibility Rules overleaf.

**To be eligible for nomination and election as a trustee, you must:**

- Be a consumer of electricity within the Marlborough Electric Power Trust district
- Reside, and be recorded on the electoral roll as resident within the district
- Be supported by a nomination from a member of the public

**You must not:**

- Be a bankrupt
- Have been convicted of a crime punishable by a term of imprisonment of 2 years or more
- Be a person to whom an order has been made under Section 151 of the Companies Act 1993 applies
- Be a person who is mentally disordered within the meaning of the Mental Health Act 1969
- Be a director or employee of Marlborough Lines Ltd

## Application Checklist

All nomination material must be provided together.

- Completed nomination form
- \$120 deposit, or proof of bank payment
- A recent electricity account showing ICP number
- Candidate profile statement (preferably in electronic form)
- A recent colour photograph (preferably in electronic form)

## Candidate Profile Statement

- Every candidate may submit a candidate profile statement with their nomination.
- The statement must not exceed 250 words, excluding the candidate's name. The word limit will be strictly enforced.
- The statement is intended to provide information to consumers about your qualifications and reasons for seeking election
- The information supplied will be made publicly available and sent to each consumer with the voting papers
- The returning officer reserves the right to alter (in conjunction with the candidate) any statement supplied.
- Statements must not include defamatory, offensive, inappropriate or untrue material

## Candidate Photograph

The photograph should be of head and shoulders only, with a neutral background and no more than 12 months old.

The photograph is intended to be included with the Candidate Profile Statement and sent to each consumer with the voting papers.

## Eligibility Rules

### TRUST DEED – SCHEDULE 1

#### Rule 2.10

A person who wishes to be nominated for election as a Trustee shall be a Consumer as defined in Clause 1.1(f) of the Trust Deed, whose electoral address is within the District and is not otherwise disqualified from holding office as a Trustee by this Rule. The following persons shall not be eligible to hold office as a Trustee:

- (a) a bankrupt who has not obtained a final order of discharge or whose order of discharge has been suspended for a term not yet expired, or is subject to a condition not yet fulfilled;
- (b) a person who has been convicted of a term of imprisonment of two years or more;
- (c) a person who has been convicted of any offence punishable by imprisonment for a term of not less than two years and has been sentenced to imprisonment for that offence;
- (d) a person to whom an order under Section 189 Companies Act 1955 applies;
  - now contained in section 155 Companies Act 1993
- (e) a person who is mentally disordered within the meaning of the Mental Health Act 1969;
- (f) a person who is not registered as a parliamentary elector for the purposes of the Electoral Act 1993 in any electoral district serviced by the Company;
- (g) a person who is holding office as a director of or is an employee of the Company;
- (h) a person whose parliamentary electoral address is not in the District.

#### Definitions:

“Consumer” means persons or bodies corporate who at any appropriate date designated by the Trustees are named from the records of the Company as the persons whose premises have an installation control point (“ICP”) to the Company’s electricity distribution network within the district and who are either:

- (i) end use customers who are liable to the Company (whether alone or jointly with any other person) for the payment for line function services in relation to electricity conveyed over the Company’s electricity distribution network; or
- (ii) end use customers who are liable to an electricity supply business (whether alone or jointly or with any other person) which is liable to the Company for the payment for line function services in relation to electricity conveyed over the Company’s distribution network;

and for the avoidance of doubt:

- (i) each ICP connection shall qualify a person as a Consumer so that such person shall (where appropriate) be entitled to benefits and vote as a Consumer in accordance with the number of such connections;
- (ii) persons with joint liability shall be treated as one Consumer; unless any such person or body corporate who qualifies as a Consumer in accordance with this definition advises the Company or the Trustees in writing that he, she or it does not wish to be a Consumer for the purposes of this Deed.

### Our Physical Boundaries

The physical boundaries of the area MLL service and supply reach a number of isolated rural areas including as far as the Marlborough Sounds, (including D’Urville Island) down to the Molesworth Station and the Southern Marlborough Coast (bordered by the Pacific Ocean) on one side and the Kaikoura Ranges on the other. MLL takes its supply from the Transpower New Zealand grid via three circuits to a single point of supply in the Blenheim suburb of Springlands.

