
From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 8/08/2020 1:35:16 p.m.
To: Feedback Aurora Plan [feedbackauroraplan@comcom.govt.nz]
Subject: Proposed Aurora price increases

Hello,

I looked at the Commerce Commission online document to 'Have your say' but have decided an email would be more pertinent in my case.

In October 2016 Dunedin city council was required to investigate claims that Aurora and Delta had not carried out required repairs to thousands of dangerous power poles in Dunedin and Central Otago.

Aurora were charged by the Commerce Commission to pay 5 Million Dollars because of their 'breaches of network reliability standards' across four years. During this time Aurora continued to pay millions of dollars in dividends to the Dunedin City Council.

Due to the mismanagement of Aurora and Delta now the ratepayers are asked to fund the required backlog of repairs to infrastructure in Dunedin and Central Otago.

This is grossly unfair to ratepayers. At a time when response to covid 19 has resulted in a loss of income and/or Jobs it is unjust to expect us to fund this negligence.

As of 2019 at Aurora 48 employees were paid more than \$100,000 per year including 6 paid more than \$200,000. The CEO received over 500,000. The previous year, 31 employees were paid over \$100,000 while the highest salary was between 300,000 and 310,000. With these salaries the workers should have been managing the assets to a satisfactory standard. The excuse for the increase in salaries now has been Aurora transitioning to a stand alone company and retaining expertise... this is ridiculous. The average salary in Dunedin is \$59,000, these people need to take a pay cut, we just cannot afford these overinflated salaries.

I suggest the DCC fund this expense. Instead of vanity projects like the cycle lanes which are used by a tiny proportion of the population, or dots on the roads, or expensive sitting areas on George street, which have now been removed at the ratepayers expense, they need to look at reality and at this time cut their cloth to suit their budget.

[REDACTED]