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**To:** regulation.branch  
**Cc:** Michael Whaley; Juliet  
**Subject:** Emerging Technologies – Open Letter 9 May 2018 – EEA Response (Attn Keston Ruxton)

Dear Keston

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Commerce Commission open letter of 9 May 2018 which outlines your intention to gather information relating to emerging technologies. The Electricity Engineers' Association of NZ Inc (EEA) is the national representative organisation for technical, engineering, safety and asset management issues within the electricity supply industry (ESI). Our members include corporate and individual representatives from all sectors of the industry including generation, electricity networks, contractors (operations/ maintenance), engineering consultancies and equipment suppliers.

As such, the EEA through its Asset Management Group, are considering the possible engineering/technical impact of emerging technologies on the operation of existing assets, system design and public/workplace safety.

EEA is also interested in the safety regulatory framework needed for new technologies; and the potential role of international product or other safety/quality standards (IEC,ISO,AS/NZS or NZS) to provide public assurance and safe outcomes for consumers purchasing emerging technologies.

While these areas maybe somewhat outside scope of the open letter, the EEA would welcome the opportunity to discuss these matters with the Commission as part of it gathering information on emerging technologies.

Please contact either myself or Juliet Clendon the EEA Technical Advisor ([juliet@eea.co.nz](mailto:juliet@eea.co.nz)) should you wish to meet with us or require further information.

Yours sincerely

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