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## ENERGY TRUST PROVIDES \$148,000 IN POWER BILL FLOOD RELIEF

The Eastern Bay Energy Trust distributed a total of \$148,000 to households that were evacuated during the devastating floods and landslips that affected the region in July and August.

The Eastern Bay Energy Trust is the majority shareholder of Horizon Energy Distribution Limited, and is focused on the needs of the consumers connected to the Horizon electricity network.

In an urgent one-off project to assist severely affected consumers, the Trust, Horizon Energy and Bay of Plenty Electricity worked together to provide some welcome relief for victims of the emergency.

The relief package involved a \$100 credit which was paid to the electricity accounts of 1480 households that were evacuated and registered with Civil Defence during the flood and earthquake emergency.

Chairman Mrs Toni Owen said that the Trustees, Horizon and Bay of Plenty Electricity, were pleased to be able to help the region recover in this way. "It is important that the Trust funds are used in a way that will benefit consumers and their communities, and this one-off relief project achieved that objective very well. We all live and work in the Eastern Bay and so have a first-hand understanding of the scale of the problems caused by the flooding, and the need for those affected to be assisted to get their homes and lives back in order."

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