

## **Before the Electrical Workers Registration Board**

CE No. 22831

### **In the matter of:**

A disciplinary hearing before the Electrical Workers Registration Board

### **Between:**

The Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment

### **And**

Christopher Kirkland, a registered and licensed electrical worker (EW 103585, E 244948, ES 083157, Electrician Endorsed Supervision) (the Respondent)

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## **Decision of the Board in Respect of the Conduct of an Electrical Worker**

### **Under section 147(G) and 147 (M) of the Electricity Act 1992**

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Hearing Location:

Wellington (12 December 2024) and Napier (20 August 2025)

Hearing Type:

In Person

Decision Date:

20 August 2025

Board Members Present:

Mr R Keys, Registered Inspector (Presiding Member)  
Mr T Wiseman, Registered Inspector (Deputy Presiding)  
Mr T Tran, Barrister  
Ms S Cameron, Registered Electrician  
Mr J Hutton, Registered Inspector  
Ms L Wright, Barrister  
Mr S Rogers, Registered Electrician

Appearances:

Attendances excused.

### **Procedure:**

The matter was considered by the Electrical Workers Registration Board (the Board) under the provisions of Part 11 of the Electricity Act 1992 (the Act), the Electricity (Safety) Regulations 2010 (the Regulations) and the Board's Disciplinary Hearing Rules.

### Board Decision:

The Respondent **has not** committed a disciplinary offence.

### Introduction

- [1] The hearing resulted from a complaint about the conduct of the Respondent and a report under section 147G(1) of the Act from the Investigator that the complaint should be considered by the Board.
- [2] The Respondent was served with a Notice of Proceeding (the Notice), dated 2 July 2024, setting out the alleged disciplinary offences the Investigator reported should be considered by the Board. The alleged offences related to sections 143(a), 143(g), and 143(f) of the Act.

### Board's Conclusion and Reasoning

- [3] Section 147G of the Act states:

***147G Board must hold hearing if investigator reports that complaint should be considered by Board***

- (1) *If the investigator reports that a complaint should be considered by the Board, the Board must hold a hearing to determine whether it should exercise its disciplinary powers under section 147M.*
- (2) *If the investigator reports that a complaint should not be considered by the Board, the Registrar must inform the complainant and the person complained against of that determination.*


- [4] The Act also provides in section 147T:

***147T Investigator to prosecute matter***

- (1) *If the investigator reports that in the investigator's opinion a complaint should be considered by the Board, the matter must be prosecuted by the investigator at the hearing held by the Board under this Part (unless the Board orders otherwise).*

- [5] The matter was part-heard on 12 December 2024 and adjourned to allow the respondent and investigator to review the agreed statement of facts. Subsequently, by memorandum dated 15<sup>th</sup> August 2025, Counsel for the Investigator advised the Board that, following consideration of information obtained after the initial hearing, the Investigator would not be offering any evidence. Based on the Investigator offering no evidence, the Board finds that the Respondent has not committed a disciplinary offence.

Signed and dated this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of September 2025

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**R Keys**

Presiding Member