

## **Media statement**

**1.00am, Thursday 10 July 2014**

# **Power restored to all customers in north Christchurch**

Power has been restored to all customers following a fault yesterday evening on a high voltage 66kV line that runs from Islington to Papanui. The fault initially resulted in the loss of power to approximately 30,000 customers in north and north-west Christchurch at around 9.30pm Wed 9 July.

The cause of the outage will not be known until the high voltage line is able to be examined in the daylight.

CEO Rob Jamieson said “our crews, working in the dark, did a great job to restore power to everyone within a few hours following this rare type of failure. Although very unfortunate for those affected tonight, hopefully this outage can serve as a reminder for everyone to have a backup plan for when power does go off. As a minimum people should have torches, with spare batteries, available.”

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### **About Orion**

Orion New Zealand Limited:

- owns and operates the electricity distribution network in central Canterbury between the Waimakariri and Rakaia rivers
- distributes electricity to more than 190,000 homes and businesses
- is owned by the Christchurch City Council (89.3%) and the Selwyn District Council (10.7%).