

## **DELEGATED POWERS AND DUTIES – SECTION 71 EXEMPTIONS**

- 1. The employee shall not exercise the powers or duties specified above unless the employee is of the opinion that:
  - (a) the proposed business activity relates to an innovation or an innovative way of providing service;
  - (b) the proposed business activity will be undertaken on a temporary or pilot basis;
  - (c) the financial impact of the proposed business activity is likely to be immaterial or nearly so; and
  - (d) there is a low risk of harm to ratepayers from the proposed business activity;

and where the employee is of another opinion, the employee shall forthwith advise the Chief Commissioner, who may appoint a panel of Commissioners to deal with the matter.

- 2. The delegation includes any incidental powers and duties that a panel of Commissioners would have in exercising the power or duty if the power or duty were not delegated.
- 3. Where an application to the OEB requests a determination falling under a power or duty delegated to an employee and a determination under a power or duty that has not been delegated, the application will be dealt with in its entirety by a panel of Commissioners assigned by the Chief Commissioner.
- 4. Where a conflict exists between two or more delegations of the same power or duty, the most recent delegation prevails to the extent of the conflict.
- 5. A secondary delegated employee may only exercise a delegated power or duty if assigned a matter by the primary delegated employee.