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Maria Sydor has more than 25 years experience in the IT industry and over 10 years experience in the New Zealand electricity industry.

Maria Sydor is one of the principals of Craftware Computing Limited, which was established in 1985 to provide a full range of IT services from business analysis to software development. Craftware's initial area of expertise was in wholesale banking systems, specifically the development of treasury management and online trading systems, but since then the company has provided IT services to a wide range of other industries including insurance, manufacturing, telecommunications and electricity.

Maria's involvement in the Electricity Industry began in 1995 with the development of the user requirements for a wholesale electricity trading system. Since then Maria has provided business analysis, design, audit and quality assurance services for various electricity industry projects in New Zealand, Australia and Singapore.

Maria has extensive knowledge of the electricity industry's Registry system, the national database of connection point information. In 1999 she was involved in the acceptance testing of the original Registry and continues to provide user support and acceptance-testing services for the industry. Maria has also conducted training courses for electricity industry users in the operation and rules of the Registry.

In 2001 Maria was appointed by the MARIA Governance Board to investigate the causes of the large number of inaccuracies found in the Registry. The results of the analysis were presented by Maria at an industry forum in July 2001 and formed the basis of the subsequent proposed strategy, submitted to the MGB, for a revised business process that would ensure that the registry would become the 'database of record'. In 2003 she was appointed as the Test Manager for the implementation of the upgraded Registry.

In 2004 Maria was appointed by the Electricity Commission to the chair of the registry review project team (RRPT) that proposed a number of improvements and enhancements to the Registry. Recently, Craftware has been involved in writing a number of functional specifications for the Electricity Commission covering reconciliation, registry, clearing and settlements, pricing and information systems.

Maria has a BA (Hons.) in computational and statistical science and is a member of the Royal Society of New Zealand.