



New Zealand – A world leader in Renewable Energy?

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Purpose

To understand the roles for renewable energy in New Zealand and how that might be delivered.

Agenda

1. Why the world is turning to renewable energy
2. What New Zealand companies are doing to develop wind, solar and battery storage
3. What could this mean for New Zealand PLC and New Zealand businesses

Infratec

- Installs solar PV and battery energy storage across the Pacific and New Zealand
- Thought leading consultancy work across the world
- MFAT, ADB and World Bank Sponsored Work
- www.infratec.co.nz

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"Delivering innovative renewable energy solutions to create positive impacts for communities, businesses and the planet"



Why Renewable Energy?

A Global Perspective

Three Drivers for Renewable Energy

1. Sustainability

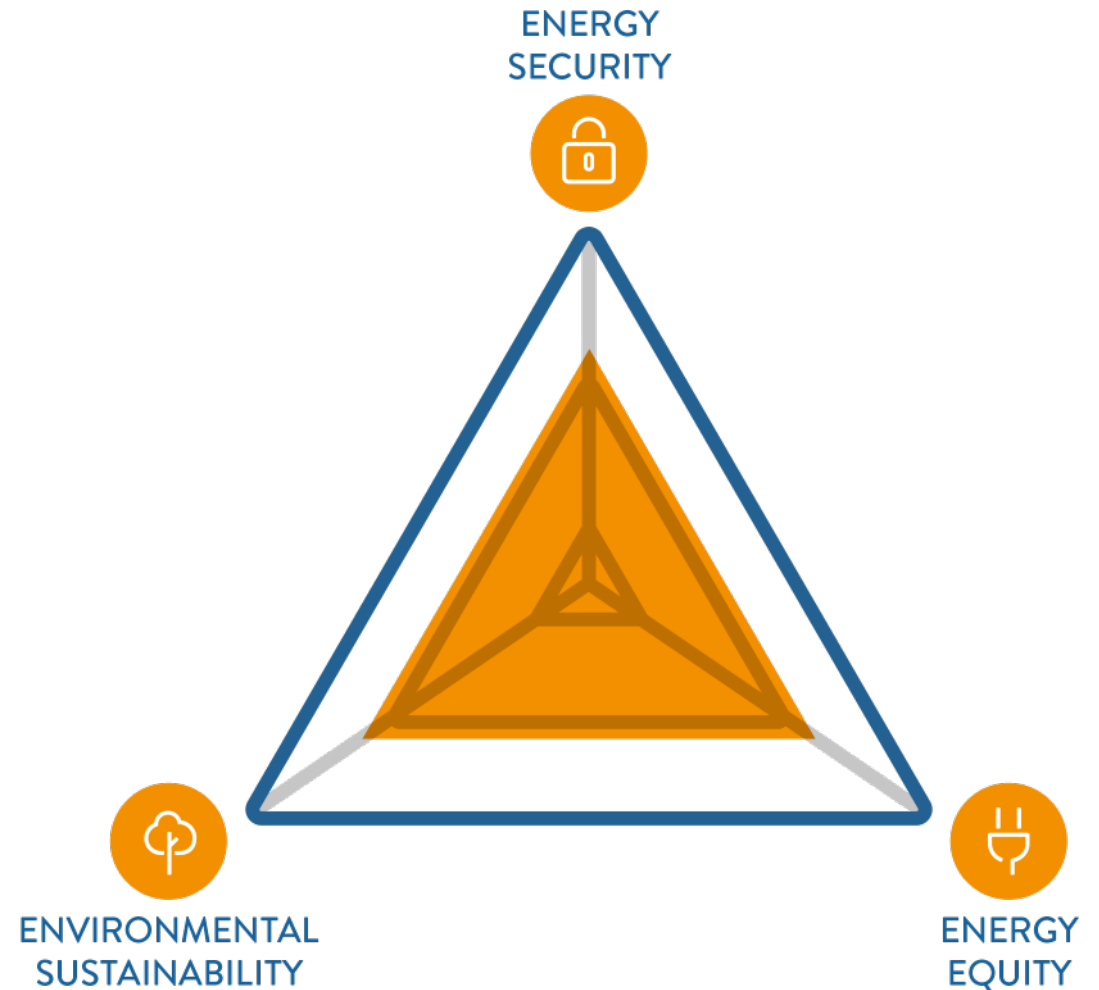
- Decarbonising the entire energy system from planes through to our fridges

2. Energy Equity and Cost

- Reducing the costs of electricity to drive economic growth.
- Stabilising prices for consumers and energy businesses

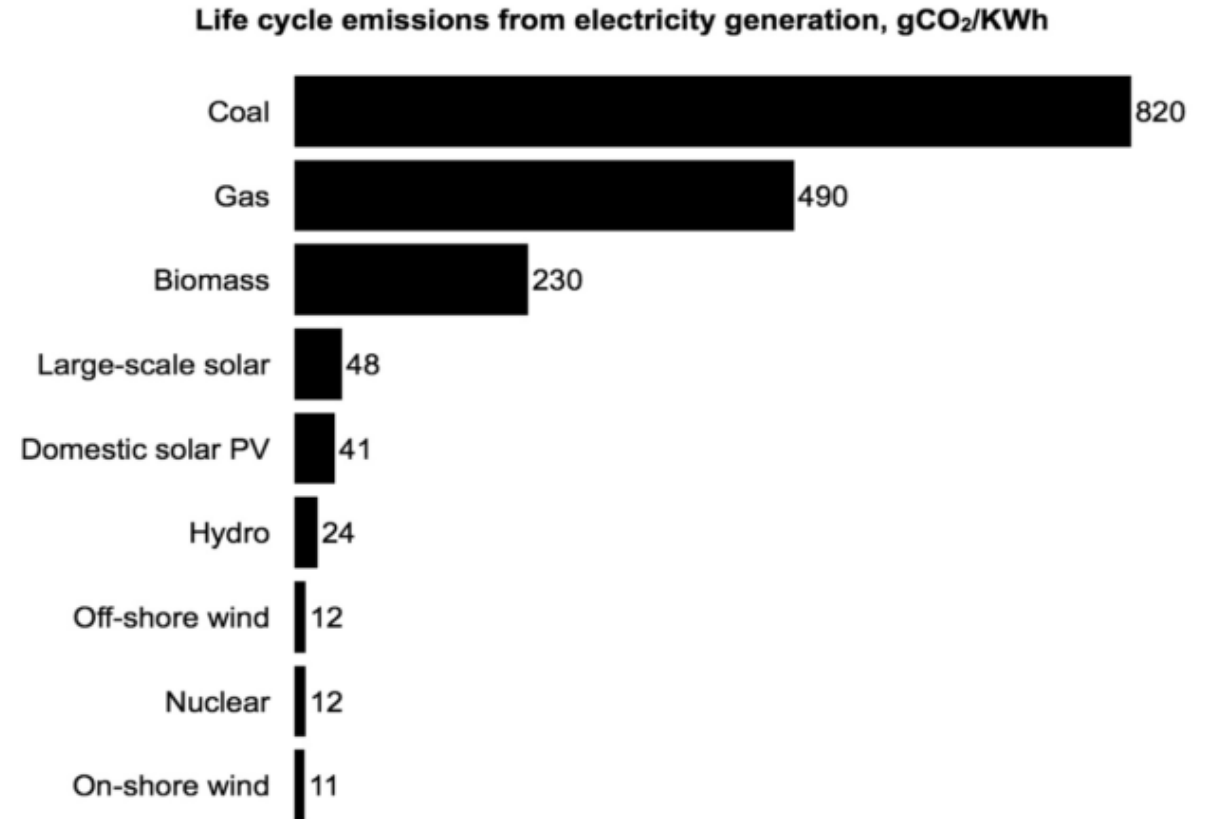
3. Energy Security and Resiliency

- Reducing reliance on foreign sources of energy
- Making the energy system more robust



- The carbon emissions associated with all life stages of clean electricity sources are far below that of fossil fuels
- No local pollutants, no impact on air quality
- Very fast build times compared to other forms of electricity generation
- Positive environmental benefits can be achieved e.g. dual uses for land, grazing, bee keeping etc.
- These are key reasons for their popularity

Clean Electricity is... clean



Source: IPCC Median Lifecycle Carbon emissions
 Considers manufacture, construction,
 operation, decommissioning

74%	think we should use solar “as much as possible”
70%	agree that “In the near future, we should produce 100% of our electricity from renewable energy sources such as solar and wind”

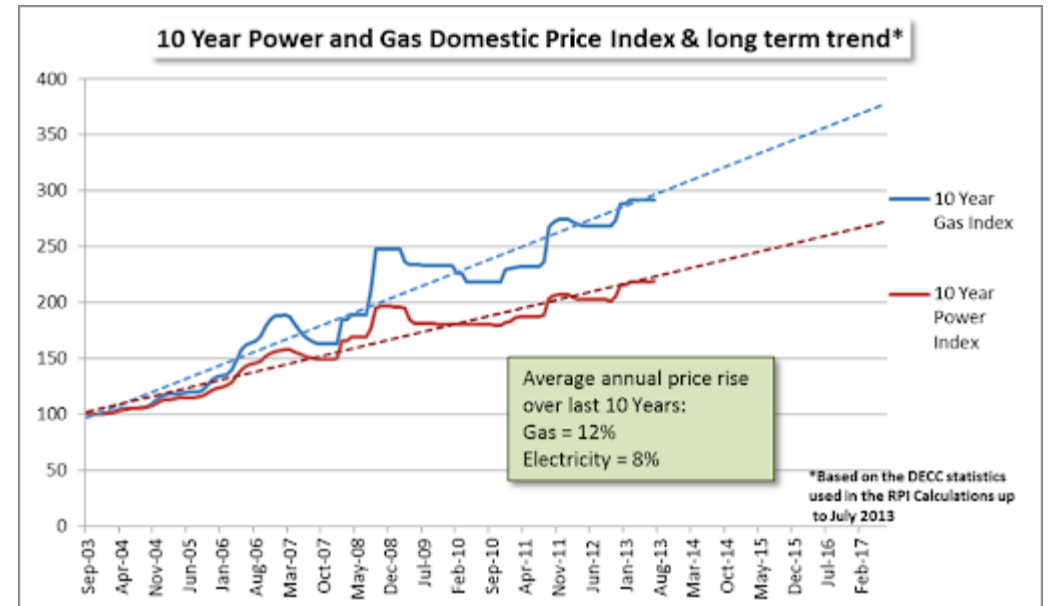
Energy markets and volatile, prices go up

Energy prices are not stable

US crude oil price has turned negative for the first time on record



New Zealand energy prices have been rising

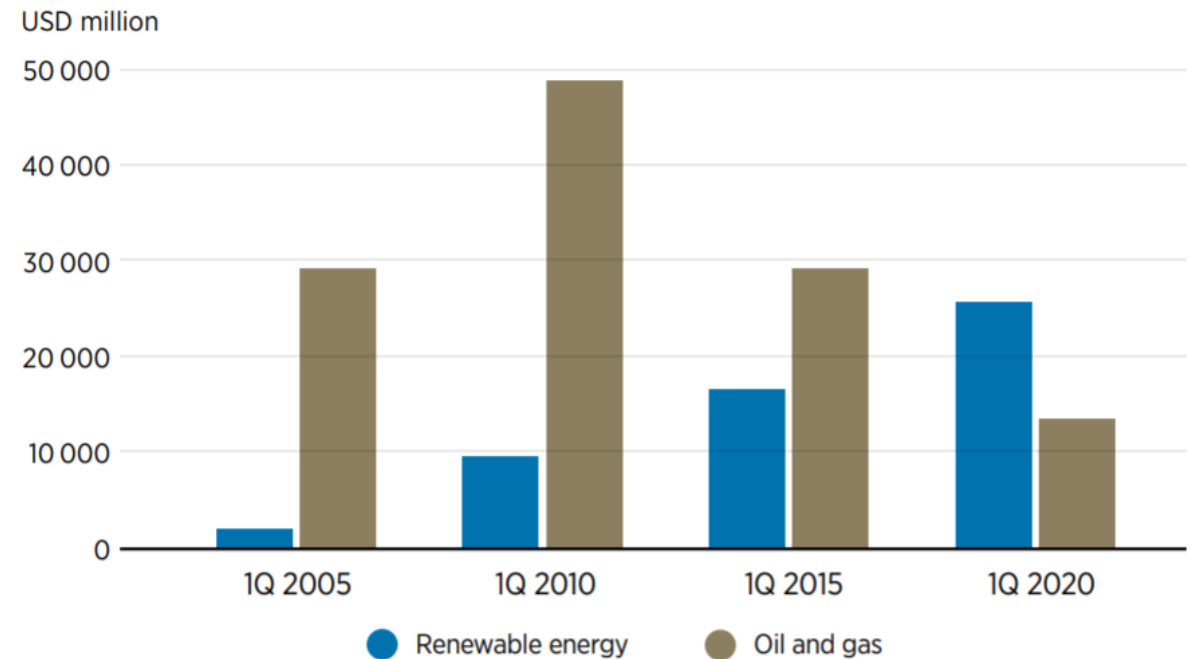


Investment in renewable energy outstrips oil and gas

“This year will be remembered as the point when the long-anticipated energy transition to a low-carbon future moved unequivocally from being a topic of debate to a shift of substance.”
Financial Times, July 2020

“There is enough solar power installed around the world to run New Zealand 20x over”

Figure 3.1 Announced foreign direct investments in renewables and oil and gas sector, first quarter 2005 to first quarter 2020 (USD million)

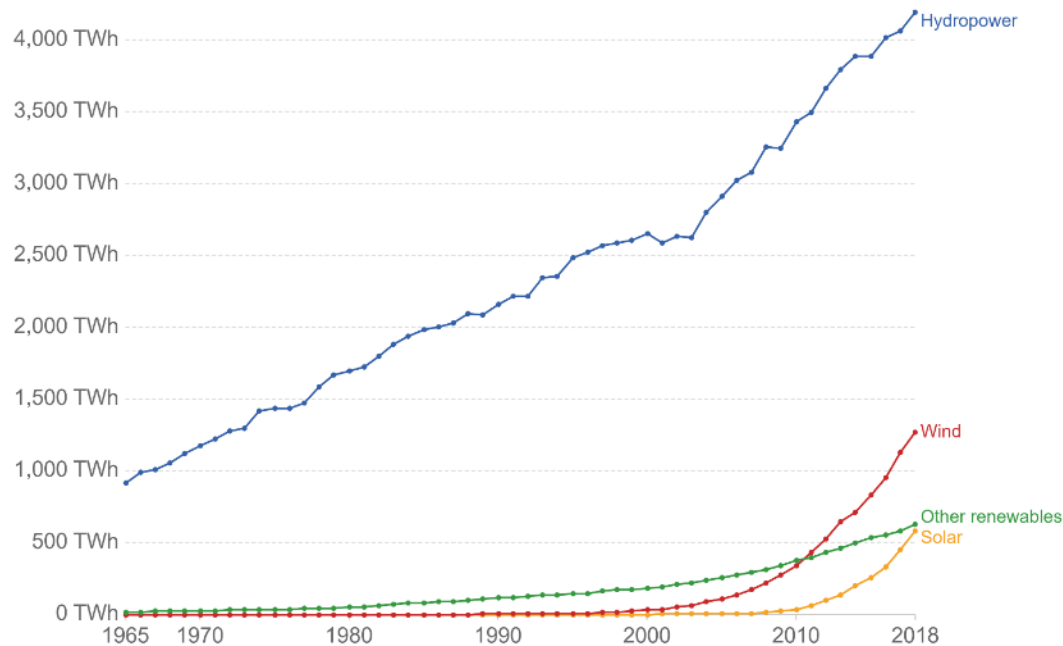


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We are beyond the tipping point...

Global View

Renewable energy generation, World, 1965 to 2018



Source: BP Statistical Review of Global Energy (2019)

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Note: 'Other renewables' refers to renewable sources including geothermal, biomass, waste, wave and tidal. Traditional biomass is not included.

UK Snapshot

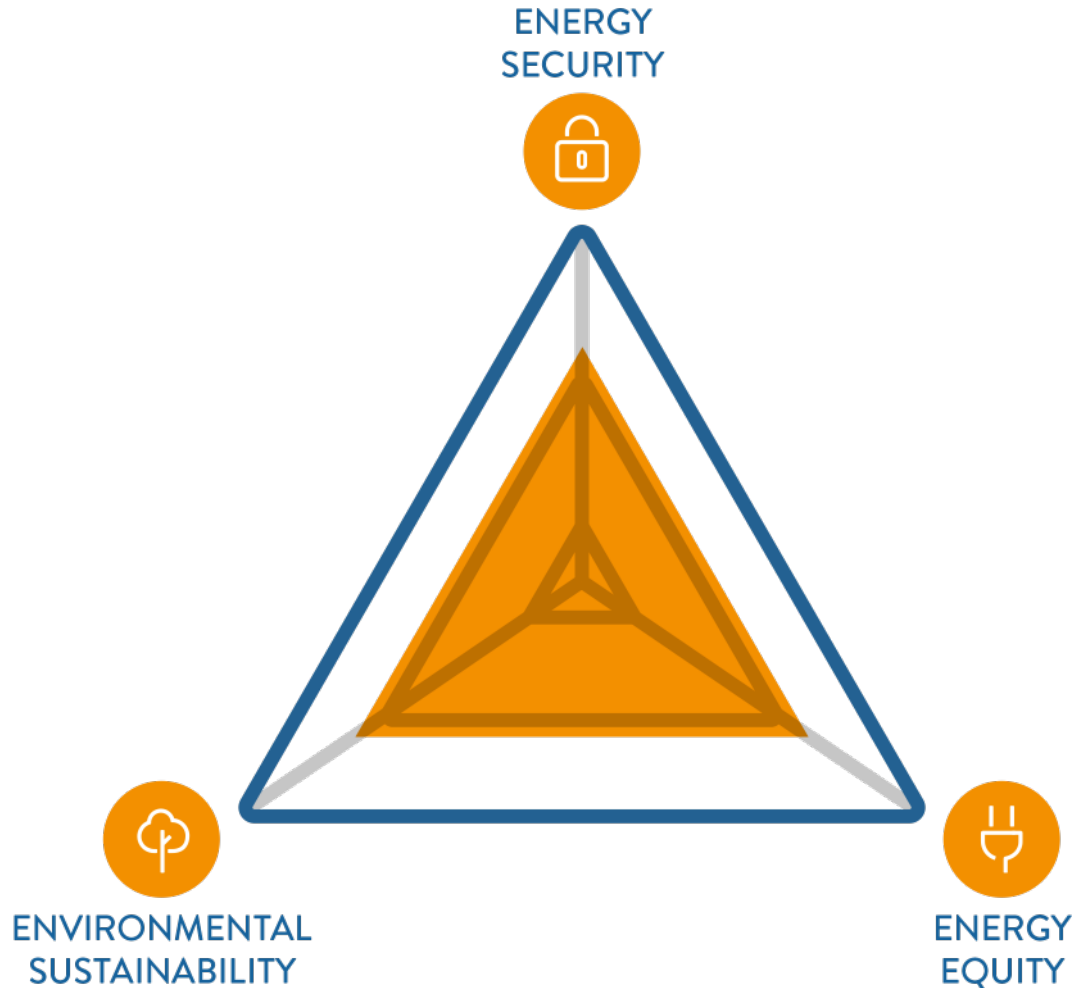
- Wind the second biggest provider of electricity in Great Britain
- Nearly 1 million homes have adopted solar panels
- Solar electricity provides more electricity than coal in the UK
- Low carbon sources provide more than 50% of electricity

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Renewables in the Pacific

Why solar/battery in the Pacific



Energy Cost and Equity

- High costs for imported diesel fuel for generators
- Energy needed for economic growth and support
- Cost of electricity in The Solomon's is USD 1.2/kWh!

Environmental and Sustainability

- Acutely impacted by climate change
- Desire to show and deliver thought leadership on environmental issues

Energy Security and Resiliency

- Energy independence from imports
- Reduced exposure to changing prices of fossil fuels

Active across the Pacific and beyond...

Solar Delivered/Constructed: Tuvalu, Nauru, Kiribati, Palau, Micronesia, Marshall Islands and... Timaru

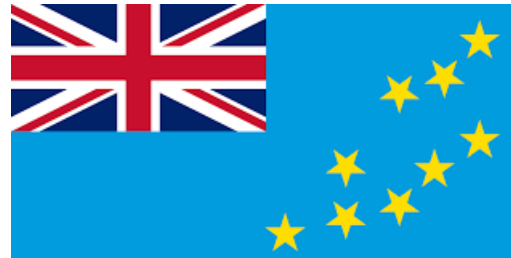
Solar + Battery Delivered/Constructed: 4x Cook Islands, Palau, Tuvalu, Indonesia, Afghanistan and ... Auckland

**5MWp Solar
14 MWh BESS**



Solar/Battery project underway: Tuvalu, Tonga (x7), Solomon Islands (x4)

**15MWp Solar
13 MWh BESS**





Our vision for New Zealand

100% renewable, 100% possible

NZ is a Leader in Renewable Electricity...

Highly renewable electricity system

- 60% of electricity from Hydro
- 10% of electricity from geothermal
- 8% of electricity from other renewables
- One of the most renewable electricity sectors in the OECD

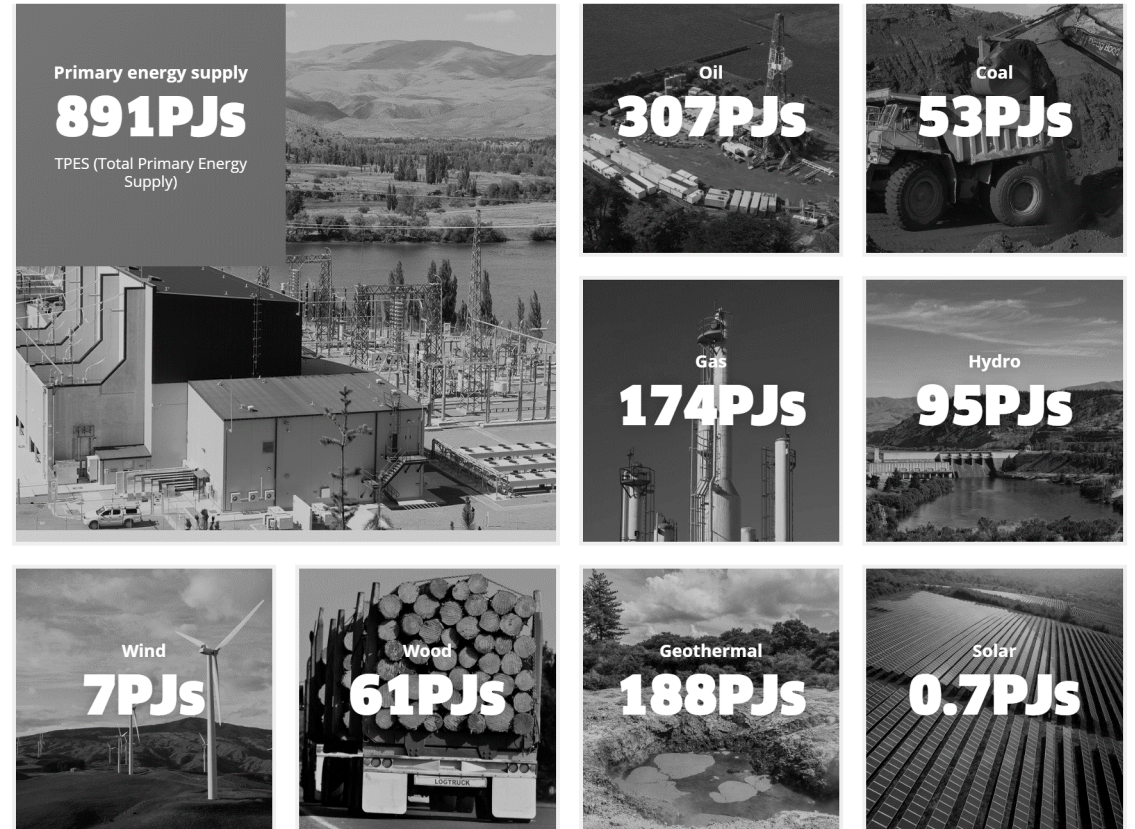
Companies working all over the world

- Solar power
- Battery energy storage
- Electricity networks and integration of renewables
- Control systems needed to make electricity systems manage renewable generation

Energy is more than Electricity



60% of New Zealand Energy is not renewable

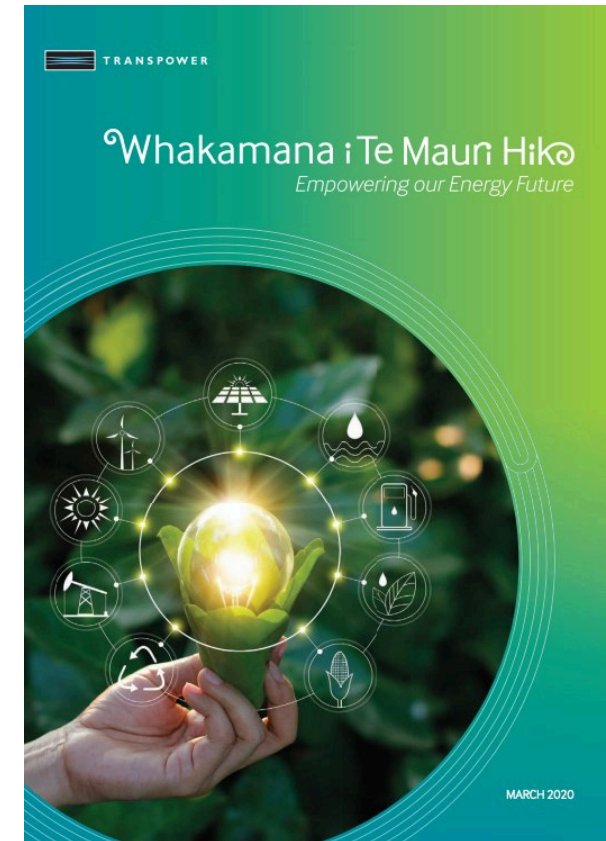


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100% Renewable Energy is an Opportunity



**Billions of dollars
of investment and
job creation to
provide 100% of
energy from
renewables**



**Whakamana i Te Mauri Hiko
- Empowering our Energy Future.**

Decarbonisation is the single biggest wealth creation opportunity of our lifetime



Creates Thousands of Jobs Across the Country

- Construction
- Operation
- Spread across New Zealand
- Serving Communities

An Energy System which Matches the Sustainable Image of New Zealand

- No air pollutants
- Low carbon economy
- Key drivers for the tourism and agricultural sectors



Economy

- Falling energy costs and Stabilising electricity markets
- Reduced dependence on imports
- Making New Zealand businesses more competitive

New Zealand is Ideal for Wind and Solar

Uniquely
structured
electricity grid

Need for diversity
in the generation
mix

Hydro resource is
great with wind
and solar

100% renewable is
only achievable
with wind and
solar

Strong community
focus aligns to
wind and solar

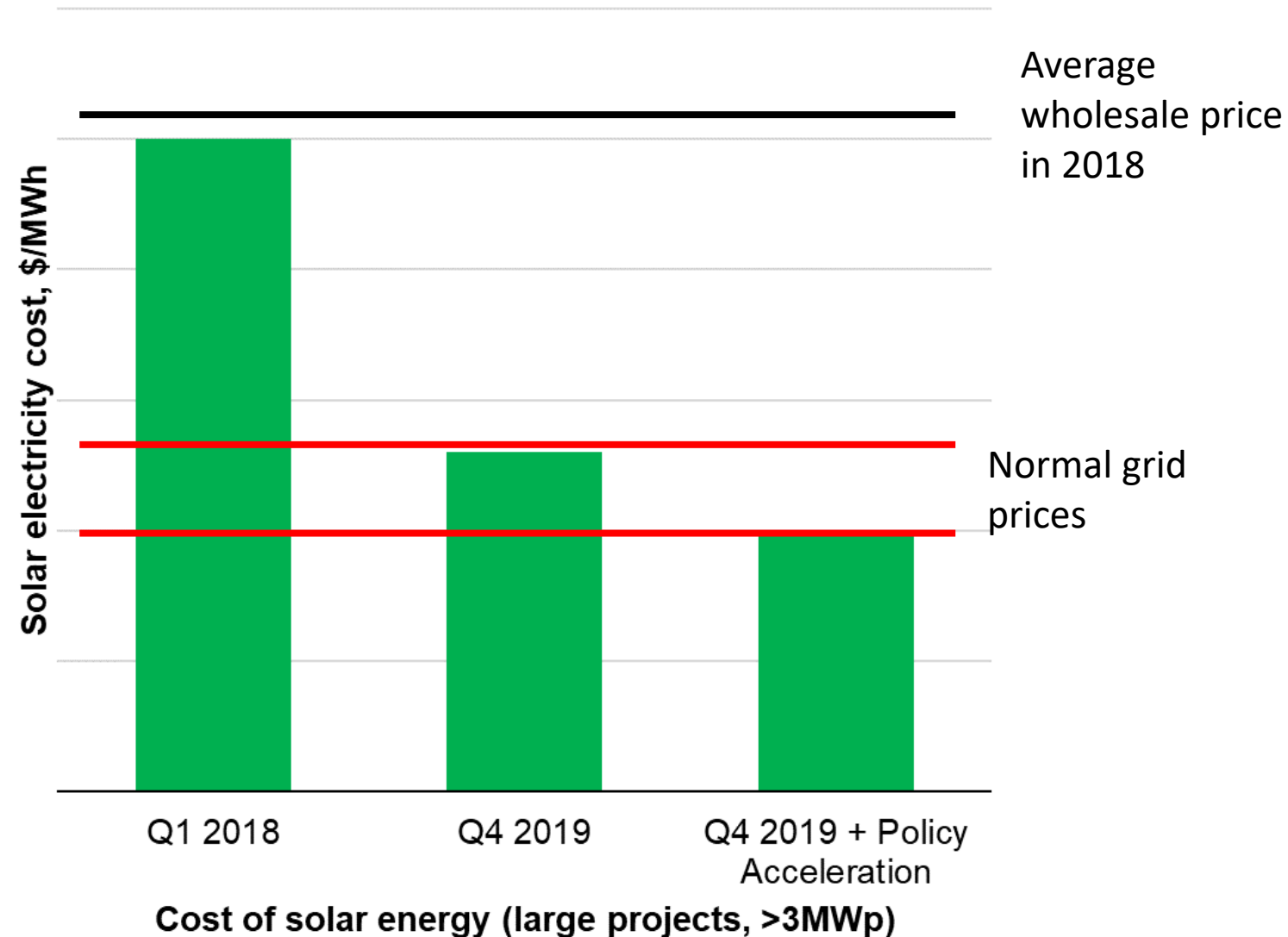
Provides investors
with real long term
assets to invest in

... and great
weather!

A good investment opportunity?

Solar and Grid Parity in New Zealand

- Solar hit grid parity in New Zealand around Q4 2019.
- And offered prices fixed for 25-30 years
- Policy could accelerate renewable development in New Zealand such as
 - Low cost finance
 - Long term floor price contracts



We think New Zealand is at a tipping point with respect to solar power



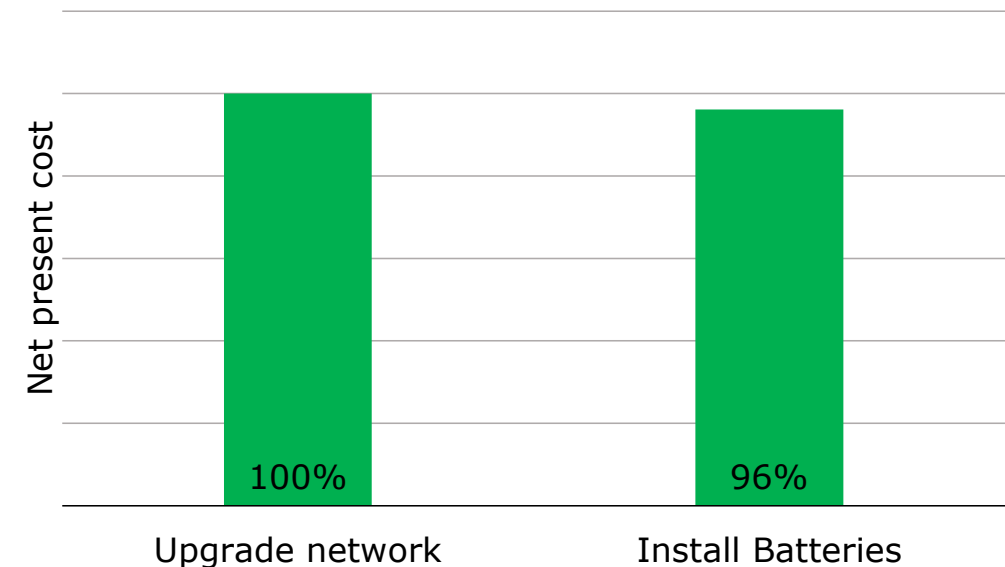
Batteries can reduce grid costs

- Infratec consulting piece for a major New Zealand Lines Company, 2019
- Grid Constraint:
 - Present electricity network unable to support economic growth and EVs
 - Multi-million dollar cost of upgrading network
 - Multi-year planning cycle with associated risk to build new power lines across and area of outstanding natural beauty

Benefits of battery solution

- ✓ 4% reduction in lines charges
- ✓ Limited environmental impact
- ✓ More resilient electricity grid
- ✓ Additional benefits across the power system yet to be valued

Network Upgrade Cost - With and Without Batteries






















Don't worry, I'm a realist!

Wind and Solar In New Zealand

Wind Power per Country

27	 Chile	-	-	-	20	168	172	205
28	 South Africa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
29	 Uruguay	-	-	-	-	-	43	56
30	 Argentina	-	-	-	-	-	113	167
31	 Thailand	-	-	-	-	-	7	112
32	 Egypt	230	310	390	430	550	550	550
33	 South Korea	176	192	278	348	379	407	483
34	 Pakistan ^[38]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35	 Morocco	64	125	125	253	286	291	291
36	 Ukraine	86	89	90	94	87	151	302
37	 Taiwan	188	280	358	436	519	564	564
38	 Bulgaria	36	70	120	177	500	612	674
39	 New Zealand	171	322	325	497	530	623	623
40	 Croatia	n/a	n/a	69.4	104	152	187.4	207.1
41	 Nicaragua	-	-	-	-	-	62	102
42	 Lithuania	56	50	54	91	163	203	263
43	 Costa Rica	-	-	74	123	119	132	147

39th biggest wind sector in the world
**Less wind power than Sweden,
 Denmark, Ireland, Taiwan**

Solar Power per Country



**At least 56 countries with more solar
 than New Zealand including Cyprus,
 Malta, Luxembourg and the UK!**



So why is New Zealand so slow to adopt wind and solar electricity generation?

THE BIGGEST COST IN RENEWABLE ENERGY IS RISK.

Low risk = low costs of finance and long term
returns

Making Renewable Energy Work

Renewable Energy...

High capital investment with low operating costs

Long asset life (25-30 years)

Variable output

... needs the right environment ...

- ✓ Strong policy environment
- ✓ Stable commercial environment
- ✓ Investors with a long term view

... to drive down the costs of finance

A strong policy and commercial environment accelerates the renewable energy industry





Conclusions

Conclusions and Summary

New Zealand companies are ready to deliver



60% of New Zealand energy to be decarbonised



Investment ready



The fundamentals of the New Zealand market are good for renewables



And if we can manage risk then we get...



One of the greatest investment opportunities of our lifetime

Thank you and Keep in Touch

Option 1: Send an email

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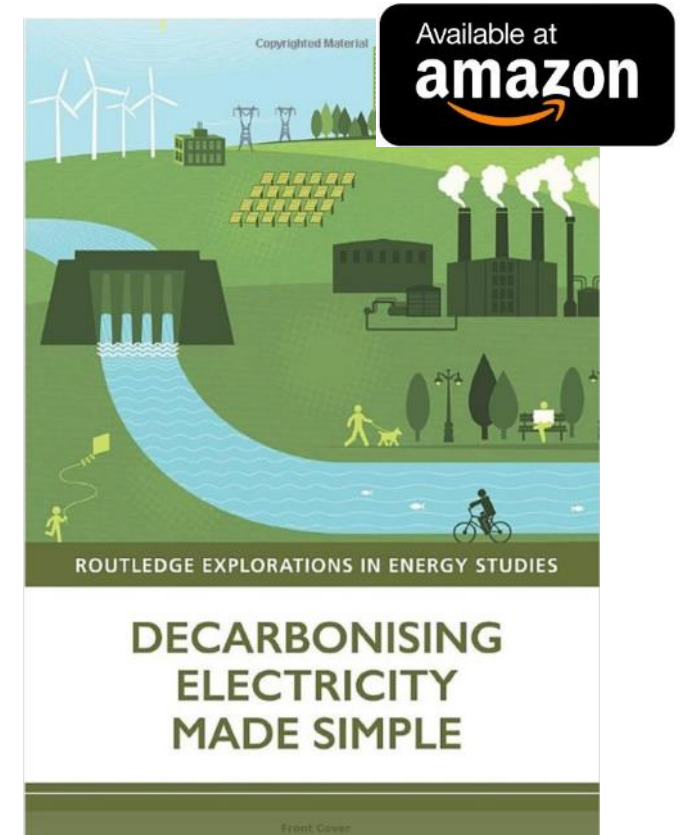
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Vector Powersmart Pacific solar and battery systems and learnings to increase renewables in New Zealand

Presented: Shazad Ibnul

Vector case studies for BEC webinar “New Zealand a world leader in renewable energy”



Tokelau; world's first solar powered principality

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Vector Powersmart, MFAT and the Government of Tokelau, 2013 and 2020

- Challenge: pre 2012, 100% of Tokelau's energy from diesel generators
- Solution: one of the largest solar / battery systems in the world
- **Outcome:** nearly 100% of Tokelau's energy from renewable as a result electricity prices decreased and demand increased

Vector Powersmart is returning this year in partnership with MFAT and Government of Tokelau to expand the system

Niue; integrating new with existing infrastructure



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- Challenge: Niue Government target is 80% renewables by 2025. Solar generation curtailment to maintain stable grid
- Solution: **Vector Powersmart energy management system to coordinate the** integration of existing solar (500 kWp), new solar (600 kWp) and batteries (3 MWhp)
- **Outcome:** increased system stability, reliability and reduced emissions with increased use of renewables

Increasing renewables is about more than installing more renewable generation – it is about creating a smart and coordinated system that pairs renewable generation with energy storage



lessons for increasing renewables in New Zealand

lessons for increasing renewables in NZ

- Getting the most value from distributed solar requires coordination and visibility of the whole system
- The community needs to be at the centre - it is about understanding customer needs and network requirements
- Decentralisation increases resilience and efficiency – new renewable generation should be close to demand
- Distributed solar has a significant role in our energy future – particularly with innovative solutions

There is transformative potential for New Zealand's energy systems now

Thank you

For further questions please email:

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Question and Answers

- Type questions in the chat box
- Tina will moderate the questions and select Andrew or Shazad to answer... and may answer a few herself!
- Question session will finish on the hour



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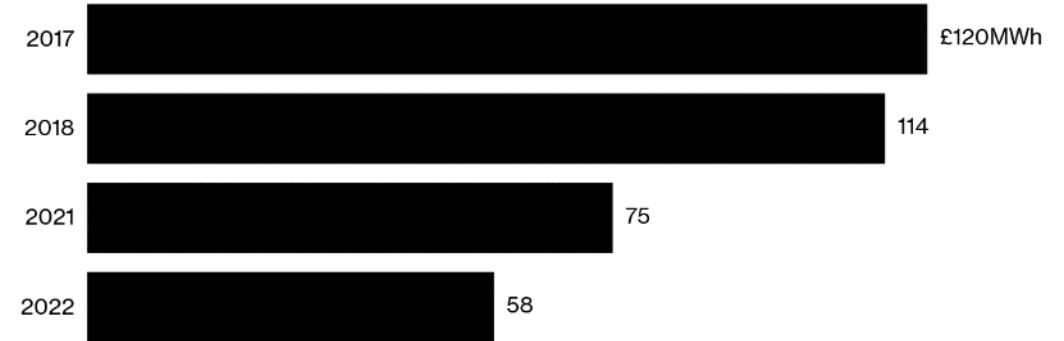
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Use Policy to Accelerate Renewable Energy

- Contracts for Difference
- Long term power purchase contracts
 - Floor price paid to wind developer i.e. guaranteed minimum price
- Element of risk to developer on spot market prices
- But long term security
- Has provided correct environment to reduce costs of wind in the UK
 - Allowed investment in R&D
 - Brought in low costs of finance
 - Brought jobs to UK across the project cycle
 - manufacture, construction, operation

Big Drop

U.K. offshore wind support at year of delivery



Source: U.K. contracts for difference program

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