

Interim Climate Change Committee

Level 1, Environment House, 23 Kate Sheppard Place, PO Box 10362, Wellington 6143

Electricity Forum

Attendees

Alison Andrew – Transpower
Dennis Barnes – Contact Energy
Fraser Whineray – Mercury
Marc England – Genesis Energy
Neal Barclay – Meridian Energy
Peter Calderwood (stand in for Vince Hawksworth) – Trustpower

Representatives of the Interim Climate Change Committee and Secretariat:

- David Prentice, Chair
- Keith Turner, Committee member
- Jan Wright, Committee member
- Suzi Kerr, Specialist Advisor
- Pauline Marshall, Establishment Director
- Jo Hendy, Inquiry Director
- Antonia Burbidge, Principal Analyst
- Laurie Boyce, Senior Analyst

Observer from Contact Energy:

- Catherine Thompson, GM External Relations and General Counsel

Observer from Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment:

- Alexandra Seton, Senior Policy Advisor, Energy Markets Policy

Date and location

Date: Thursday, 2 August 2018

Time: 9am to 4pm (note that tea and coffee will be available from 8.30am)

Venue: Blue Whale Room, Level 1, Te Papa, Wellington

Purpose

The Government is focused on whether New Zealand can achieve a goal of 100 per cent renewable electricity by 2035. While the Interim Climate Change Committee will address this, we want to focus on the broader goal of how we can transition to a low emissions energy future, a future that considers all demand scenarios. The investment decisions that you make will obviously have major impact on this goal.

This forum is an opportunity to bring together Chief Executives from the major electricity generation and retail companies and Transpower to begin engagement, through sharing perspectives and modelling, to advance New Zealand's transition to a low emissions energy future.

Why you?

You have a deep understanding of the opportunities around supply, demand, technologies and behaviours. Equally, you are acutely aware of the potential for unintended consequences if expertise in the electricity sector is not central to the Interim Climate Change Committee's analysis.

What we're doing

By April 2019 we will provide Government with evidence and analysis on the likely options, costs and practicality of reaching a low emissions energy future.

Our analysis needs to consider:

- the extent to which this goal can be reached within current market arrangements and/or
- what, if any, additional interventions might be needed.

We need to know what you think is important to consider, and what you see as the priorities.

Forum outline

We have allocated each company 50 minutes to present its views. We expect at least 20 minutes of this time will be used for a question and answer session.

The following key questions can be used as a guide as to what we would like your views on:

- Are the Government's objectives for the sector achievable?
- Will a focus on a low emissions energy future get us there?
- How might this be achieved?
- What might be done to ensure it is achieved?
- What does the ICCC need to take into account?

An outline of timing for the day is provided below.

	Timing
Introduction Interim Climate Change Committee	9am-9.20
Alison Andrew	9.20 – 10.10
Dennis Barnes	10.10 – 11.00
Break - morning tea (20 min)	11.00 – 11.20
Fraser Whineray	11.20 – 12.10pm
Marc England	12.10 – 1.00
Lunch (50 min)	1.00 – 1.50
Neal Barclay	1.50 – 2.40
Afternoon tea (10 min)	2.40 – 2.50
Peter Calderwood	2.50 – 3.40
Wrap up Interim Climate Change Committee	3.40 – 4.00

We look forward to your engagement and participation.