

27th & 28th May Grand Millennium Auckland



# PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME As at 23 May

### DAY 1: TUESDAY 27 MAY 2025

#### Grand Millennium Auckland

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8.00am	Registration and Coffee		
	Pre-Function Area, Grand Ballroom Level		
	Session 1   Conference Opening and Welcome		
	Millennium Ballroom, Grand Ballroom Level		
9.00am	Mihi Whakatau		
	TE HAU PAEROA HONA		
9.10am	Welcome and Housekeeping		
	TE RADAR   MC		
9.15am	Welcome from CEP		
	CEP BOARD MEMBER / MIKE HOPKINS		
9.20am	Welcome to Auckland		
	COUNCILLOR RICHARD HILLS   TE KAUNIHERA O TĀMAKI MAKAURAU   AUCKLAND COUNCIL		
9.25am	The Psychology of Climate Change, Especially on Behaviour Change		
	LORRAINE WHITMARSH   DIRECTOR, CENTRE FOR CLIMATE CHANGE & SOCIAL TRANSFORMATIONS (CAST)		
	In this talk, I will argue that most of the measures required to reach our climate change targets require at least some degree of behaviour		
	change. And that more broadly, social transformation is required to reach 'net zero' carbon targets in the coming years. In order to		
	achieve this, we need public engagement and participation in decision-making about what a low-carbon future looks like, and how to reach it.		
	We also need a wide range of measures to change people's behaviour at home, work and elsewhere. I will present findings from polls		
	and citizens assemblies on public concern about climate change, and support for net zero policies; and from behavioural science research		
	on how to effectively change behaviour to cut emissions.		
10.25am	Introducing a Reliable and Verifiable Net Zero Pathway		
	LUIS FILARDI   HEAD OF SUSTAINABILITY, BSI GROUP ANZ		
	There are many regulations and sustainability schemes, which can be confusing for organizations aiming for a systemic, credible, and achievable net zero plan.		
	Accuracy and management of data, communication, board commitment, efficient governance and wider impact are essential elements to obtain compliance and		
	stakeholder's needs. BSI has launched the Net Zero Pathway (IWA42) with ISO at COP27, which is one of the 60,000 standards it has designed since its inception		
	BSI will share case studies, benchmarking practices and details about how organisations can systemically manage their net zero projects, plans and sustainable		
	actions.		

10.55am	MEET THE EXHIBITORS			
11.15am	Networking Break in the Industry Exhibition			
	Session 2a Millennium Ballroom, Grand Ballroom Level 5	Session 2b Coromandel Room, Level 1	Session 2c   Workshop Aucklander Room, Ground Floor	
11.45am	<ul> <li>Health New Zealand's Emissions Reduction Approach</li> <li>RICK LOMAX   HEAD OF SUSTAINABILITY, TE</li> <li>WHATU ORA HEALTH NEW ZEALAND</li> <li>Health New Zealand   Te Whatu Ora is committed to integrating sustainability into healthcare, with emissions reduction as one of four key priorities. This presentation will outline Health NZ's environmental sustainability and climate change approach, detailing where emissions reduction fits within broader health sector goals and our established targets.</li> <li>Sharing the complexity and scope of our emissions — both measured and unmeasured emissions — and review progress made through key initiatives, including eliminating coal usage, transitioning to cleaner energy sources, enhancing energy efficiency, and optimising our fleet. Sharing some lessons learned to date.</li> <li>Looking ahead, the presentation will share longer- term opportunities to further reduce emissions in publicly funded healthcare, emphasising prevention and early intervention. The session will also outline Health NZ's priorities, opportunities, and proposed actions over the next three years to drive meaningful emissions reductions while delivering high-quality healthcare.</li> </ul>	From Wood to Watts ABBEY ROBERTS-LI   ASSOCIATE, BECA	<ul> <li>Product Emissions Workshop: Biofuels / Fuels (limited to 25 people)</li> <li>DUSTIN COURAGE   SCIENCE &amp; ADVISORY, SECT</li> <li>LEAD, BUILT ENVIRONMENT &amp; FINANCE, TOITŪ</li> <li>ENVIROCARE</li> <li>STEVE SCHOULTZ   SUSTAINABILITY SPECIALIST, TOITŪ ENVIROCARE</li> <li>The Bioenergy Association of NZ and Toitū have developed product carbon footprint guidance for Gaseous Biofuels in NZ. The workshop will introduce the biofuels guidance based on international renewable energy certificate schem and low carbon fuel standards.</li> <li>All fuels have product related carbon emissions from upstream indirect activities and downstrear use phase. Producers and users of fuels should understand the product lifecycle emissions to enable organisational carbon reporting and highlight reduction opportunities.</li> <li>This workshop will apply LCA principles to understand product carbon footprints of fuels an highlight the opportunities of low carbon fuels to reduce organisational emissions.</li> </ul>	
12.15pm	Driving Sustainability with Data: Reducing Carbon and Energy Use Through Advanced Analytics	Beyond the Hype: Real-World Lessons in AI for Energy Management		
	NIKK KING   DIRECTOR, OT SYSTEMS	HONG LEE   BUILDING OPTIMISATION MANAGER		
	CONSULTANT, NZ CONTROLS LTD	+ ENERGY CONSULTING TEAM LEAD, BRAVEGEN		
	CHRIS THOMAS   BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT MANAGER, NZ CONTROLS LTD	VAIBHAV CHOUDHARY   ENERGY ANALYST, BRAVEGEN		
	Explore how advanced data analytics can reduce	In this presentation, we aim to provide energy		
	energy use and carbon emissions in New Zealand's	managers and practitioners with practical insights		

	manufacturing, renewable energy, utilities, and	into the current state of AI for energy management.			
	water sectors. Learn how real-time operational	We will set the scene with a quick primer on			
	data can reveal inefficiencies, optimise	relevant AI and machine learning techniques—from			
	performance, and drive sustainability. With	anomaly detection to large language models like			
	practical examples and proven strategies, this	ChatGPT. We will then introduce examples of AI			
	presentation shows how smart, data-driven	deployments within the energy efficiency and			
	decisions can accelerate your path toward more	carbon management realms and discuss what we			
	efficient and environmentally responsible	can learn from these examples and how to separate			
	operations.	real-world applications from excessive hype. We			
		will then showcase a case study detailing the			
		development, testing, and deployment of our own			
		Al tool, including the pitfalls we encountered and			
		the tangible benefits we achieved in terms of cost			
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		savings, energy reductions, and operational			
12.45		efficiencies.			
12.45pm	STUDENT PAPERS	tion Impacts on Now Zooland's Flastwisty Market   10	CK O'I EADY		
	Variable Renewable Energy and Distributed generation: Impacts on New Zealand's Electricity Market   JACK O'LEARY				
	Embodied Carbon Unveiled: A Life Cycle Assessment of Aotearoa New Zealand's Evolving Electricity System   MAOXING LIU Carbon Price Volatility in the New Zealand Emission Trading Scheme   YUDOU YANG				
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3.00pm	How Do I Determine if Biogas is a Realistic Opportunity for My Business and What Do I Need to Know? NICK STONIER   ENERGY TRANSITION MANAGER, WORLEY JEFF ZIMMER   RNG DIRECTOR, WORLEY DANIEL CAREY   INDUSTRIAL WATER PROCESS ENGINEER, WORLEY Biogas Group, Bioenergy Association & Worley This presentation is aimed at organisations who have organic residues from processing operations which could be recycled into energy for use as fuel in onsite boilers, generators or upgrading into biomethane for sale to market. With a focus on aspects to consider when assessing a biogas/biomethane opportunity, the presentation will examine typical case studies and show a process of evaluation methods and tools to address: • Why biogas & biomethane? • How to make biogas & biomethane? • What feedstocks are suitable? • Importance of Technology selection. • Financial considerations like – feedstock cost, CAPEX, OPEX?	solutions such as hybrid systems, N electrical redundancy (instead of N - 1), and thermal storage. Additionally, participants will learn strategies to reduce operational costs, including solutions such as spot market exposure, leveraging retailer special rates and PPAs, and participating in demand flexibility markets.	<ul> <li>port sector guidance materiality assessment process,</li> <li>using a framework for Scope 3 emissions reductions, and</li> <li>Auckland Council Healthy Waters embodied carbon strategy.</li> <li>Speakers will then facilitate small group discussions to answer strategic questions on Scope 3 emissions, with all attendees having the opportunity to participate in each discussion.</li> </ul>
3.30pm	From Consumer to Prosumer: Sharing the Benefits of Rooftop Solar Energy		
	MOONIS VEGDANI   GROUP CHIEF STRATEGY &		
	TRANSFORMATION OFFICER, COUNTIES ENERGY		
	SARAH ANDERSON   PROGRAMME DIRECTOR,		
	CLIMATE CONNECT AOTEAROA		
	Counties Energy's Group Chief Strategy and		
	Transformation Officer Moonis Vegdani will		
	overview an ambitious and innovative energy- sharing pilot in Auckland's Franklin region, which		
	will test how households and businesses generating		
	solar electricity can share or gift excess energy to		
	others. Programme Director of Climate Connect		
	Aotearoa, Sarah Anderson, will discuss the key role		
	of collaboration – between Counties Energy, Ara		
	Ake and other partners - in bringing this pilot to life.		
	Together, they will unpack the potential of energy-		
	sharing to empower communities and accelerate		
4.00	Aotearoa New Zealand's energy transition.		
4.00pm	Networking Break in the Industry Exhibition		

	Session 4 Millennium Ballroom, Grand Ballroom Level		
	RICHARD BRIGGS   GROUP MANAGER, DELIVERY & PARTNERSHIPS, EECA		
4.30pm	The Value of Sustainable Buildings – The Realised Benefits of Rating Energy Efficiency in Sales/Rental Value		
	BOBBY SHEN   SENIOR MANAGER - EXISTING BUILDINGS, NZ GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL		
	More energy efficient buildings not just reduce emissions and ease pressure on the struggling electricity grid, it also provides tremendous value for owners an		
	users.		
	Green Star Performance and NABERSNZ are widely used to benchmark performance on a range of building types. The NZ Green Building Council's (NZGBC)		
	recent 'Guidance on Green Building Ratings for Sustainable Finance' sets out how these third-party verifications relate to sustainable finance.		
	With growing evidence of the value of green certified buildings, such as JLL's 'Turning Green to Gold' report based on the latest transactional data, there is a		
	huge opportunity to realise sales and rental premiums, and gain access to sustainable finance.		
	Hear how to access these benefits in buildings and beyond.		
5.00pm	Encouraging Private Investment into Energy Efficiency Projects		
	PETER SWEATMAN   CHIEF EXECUTIVE & FOUNDER, CLIMATE STRATEGY & PARTNERS		
	Peter's presentation will address the latest developments in finance for buildings renovation in Europe. Starting from the current new regulatory frame defined		
	by the Energy Efficiency Directive and Buildings Performance Directive, the presentation will look specifically at the clauses which cover finance. Residential		
	building segmentation and the design of a new EU Renovation Loan will be the centrepoint of the forward looking segment of the presentation, leaving the		
	audience with a clear view of the advances in Europe and the key elements which may resonate in the local markets.		
6.00pm	Ministerial Address		
	HON. SIMON WATTS   MINISTER FOR CLIMATE CHANGE, ENERGY, LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND REVENUE, NATIONAL PARTY		
6.20pm	Day's Wrap and Invitation and Welcome to Networking Drinks		
.20pm – 8.00pm	Networking Drinks in the Industry Exhibition Proudly Sponsored by: Tonkin+Taylo		

## DAY 2: WEDNESDAY 28 MAY 2025

8.30am	Registration and Coffee		
	Session 5		
	Millennium Ballroom, Grand Ballroom Level		
9.00am	Housekeeping		
	TE RADAR   MC		
	CONRAD WHITTLE   GENERAL MANAGER SALES & PROCUREMENT, NATURE'S F	LAME	
	Session 6a	Session 6b  Workshop	
	Millennium Ballroom, Grand Ballroom Level	Aucklander Room, Ground Floor	
9.10am	New Zealand's Pathway to 110% Renewable Electricity Generation by 2035	Product Emissions Workshop - Food Products	
	AL YATES   CEO & CO-FOUNDER, ECOTRICITY	(limited to 25 people)	
	This presentation outlines a bold vision for New Zealand to exceed its 100%	ALIREZA MOKHTAR   ENERGY & CARBON CONSULTANT, PATHWAY2050	
	renewable energy target and reach 110% by 2035. It explores how an	ABBAS TAMADON   LEAD OF LCA & CIRCULAR ECONOMY, PATHWAY2050	
	oversupply of clean energy can enhance grid resilience, reduce electricity costs,	The CEP conference workshop, hosted by PathWay2050, will focus on life cycl	
	and attract industry from overseas. Delegates will gain insights into mindset	assessment and product carbon footprint of food products. In 60 minutes,	

	transition and future-proof Aotearoa's energy system.		participants will explore these concepts through a case study in New Zealand's food industry, engaging in collaborative assignments and teamwork. This	
9.40am	On the Grid - How the Electricity Grid is Enabling Dec MATT WEBB   EXECUTIVE GENERAL MANAGER GRID TRANSPOWER Transpower is the national transmission power grid pu Transpower's nationwide grid can provide a boost to a connection of the large number of currently proposed solar developments but comes with a number of chall and security are to be maintained for all customers du renewables. Matt Webb, Executive General Manager provide perspective on the areas focus areas for Trans from his previous role working on Renewable Energy 2 Australia.	DEVELOPMENT, rovider for Aotearoa. renewables adoption via renewable wind and enges if supply reliability uring the transition to Grid Development will spower as well as insights	interactive session aims to enhance understanding of sustainability metrics an their practical applications within the industry, fostering skills to practically assess environmental impacts. Join us to learn, collaborate, and contribute to greener future.	
10.20am	MEET THE EXHIBITORS			
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11.15am	Electrification in C&I TAHIR TARIQ   SENIOR MANAGER - C&I SALES, GENESIS ENERGY JEFF SMIT  PRINCIPAL STRATEGY ADVISOR, GENESIS ENERGY TOM NEWITT   SUSTAINABILITY LEAD, SPARK In today's energy market, the journey toward decarbonisation requires genuine partnership between retailers and customers. The Genesis team will share market insights and innovative approaches creating mutual value through this transition, including how collaborative solutions provide customers with supply and price certainty across thermal fuels and electricity. Genesis and our PPA partner Spark will highlight lessons from the Lauriston solar project - demonstrating how strategic partnerships can accelerate decarbonisation while delivering tangible benefits for customers in a turbulent energy market.	Biogas: Is Bigger Always Better? EMMA REES   CHEMICAL & PROCESS EN BECA NATHAN HILL   COMMERCIAL ANALYST, Powerco and Wood Beca have been worl together to explore a regional biogas eco one that transforms organic waste into e enhances local waste management and e resilience, and maximises shared resource bringing together councils, industry, and energy, and agricultural sectors, we can a feedstock, scale up production, and estal as a mainstream energy solution. This presentation examines why biogas h off in New Zealand, why that's changing, we can overcome key challenges. Powerce Wood Beca will share their perspectives of collaboration isn't just beneficial—it's ess unlocking renewable gas's full potential.	GUI BERRINGER   TEAM LEADER - BUSINESSSOLUTION TEAM, EKOS KĀMAHIJAMES HUGHES   TECHNICAL DIRECTOR: CLIMATEAND RESILIENCE, TONKIN + TAYLORnergy,Businesses and asset owners face increasing challenges in managing climate risk, as extreme weather events, rising temperatures, and shifting environmental conditions place growing pressure on essential services. At the same time, the transition to a low-emissions economy presents its own risks and opportunities, with regulatory changes, shifting market dynamics, and evolving stakeholder expectations reshaping investment and operational landscapes.and how co and on whyThis workshop will equip participants with the knowledge and tools to assess, plan for, and respond to both physical and transition climate	
11.45am	Port of Auckland - Transitioning to Electrification: Why, How, When and Future Resilience SIMONNE ELLIOT   SENIOR SUSTAINABILITY SPECIALIST, PORT OF AUCKLAND	From Forest to Furnace: NZ's Biomass Po OLIVER HOWITT   RETA PROGRAMME LI New Zealand industries are facing challer the affordability and security of energy so of the solution for industrial process heat	otentialrisks. We will explore key frameworks for climateEAD   EECArisk assessment, including scenario analysis andinclude some hands-on activities which will offerupply. Partpractical insights into effective climate risk	

12.15pm	<ul> <li>Port of Auckland Limited (POAL) has charted a path for zero emissions by 2050 via electrification. Adopting this target required POAL to review its electrical masterplan, considering increased demand, climate related risks and resilience. This process identified several interesting challenges and opportunities that will be discussed in the presentation. POALs electrification and resilience journey has commenced with the operationalising of an electric tug and an electric container hoist, as well as the installation of a solar array, the learnings from which will also be discussed.</li> <li>A Sustainable Future for Macrae's: The Role of Renewable Energy and Hydrogen in Mining and Post Closure</li> </ul>	biomass, which will create a market for residual and low value forestry material. This presentation will share insights on NZ's biomass potential, from both supply and demand perspectives. Information from EECA's RETA programme and other activities will be leveraged to show a pragmatic view of the opportunity, and provide insights on the barriers facing the developing market. A Practical Journey into New Zealand's First Commercial-Scale Anaerobic Digestion Facility and Its Role in the Renewable Transition	By the end of the session, attendees will have a clearer understanding of climate-related risks which will support them in ensuring their assets and operations remain viable and fit for the future.
	DANIEL JELFS   ENERGY ENGINEER, OCEANA GOLD This presentation explores how OceanaGold's Macraes Operation can transition toward renewable energy and green hydrogen to reduce emissions and improve energy efficiency. It assesses the feasibility of integrating solar and wind power, hydrogen production, and the use of its oxygen byproduct in ore processing. A staged implementation strategy is outlined, considering both operational benefits and post-mine closure opportunities. The session will also discuss economic viability, policy incentives, and how Macraes can serve as a model for sustainable mining in New Zealand. By leveraging these technologies, Macraes can contribute to national net-zero goals while ensuring long-term industry resilience.	ANDY BEDFORD   NORTH ISLAND MANAGER, ECOGAS SHAUN GOLDSBURY   CEO, BRAVETRACE Ecogas' Reporoa commercial-scale Anaerobic Digestion (AD) facility is transforming 75,000 tonnes of organic waste annually into renewable electricity, biomethane, and biofertiliser. This session, led by Ecogas and BraveTrace, explores how biomethane supports the renewable transition, from production to certification. Learn about the AD process, its environmental and economic benefits, challenges, and future opportunities—including the role of New Zealand Energy Certificates (NZ-ECs) in tracking and certifying renewable gas. Gain insights into New Zealand's decarbonisation journey and how innovative solutions like Ecogas are driving the circular economy.	
12.45pm	Networking Lunch Break in the Industry Exhibition	Proudly Sponsored I	by: LUMEN
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2.35pm	Space Weather		

	ANDREW RENTON   SENIOR PRINCIPAL ENGINEER, TRANSPOWER Until the "Gannon" storm of May 2024 you may never have considered that space has weather or thought about how it may impact the system and infrastructure we rely on in our modern world.
	This discussion will help you get to grips with what it is, how it could impact us, why it is important to be prepared, our resilience and what we're doing to prepare and how you can help reduce the impact of a space storm.
3.05pm	Building Utility Scale Solar in New Zealand         GARY HOLDEN   MANAGING DIRECTOR, LODESTONE ENERGY         The challenges, barriers and critical success factors to developing a 5% market share of large-scale solar generation that is directly sold to energy consumers. Mr.         Holden will cover the financial challenges of raising debt, securing equity, the consenting process and the key methodologies of creating a credible long-term alternative to traditional electricity contracts.
3.35pm	Conference Reflections / Wrap up
3.40pm	Conference Close and Poroporoaki

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