

CEP 2026
CONFERENCE
26th & 27th May
Claudelands, Hamilton

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PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME
As at 17 February 2026

DAY 1: TUESDAY 26 MAY 2026

TE RADAR | CONFERENCE MC *Te Radar appears by arrangement with Johnson & Laird Management*

8.00am	Registration and Coffee XXXXXXX		
	Session 1 Conference Opening and Welcome XXXXXXXXXX		
9.00am	Mihi Whakatau		
9.10am	Welcome and Housekeeping TE RADAR MC		
9.15am	Welcome to Hamilton TIM MACINDOE MAYOR OF HAMILTON		
9.20am	Welcome from CEP CEP BOARD MEMBER / MIKE HOPKINS		
9.25am	Keynote TO BE CONFIRMED SOON		
10.15am	Future of Gas DAVID PRENTICE CHIEF EXECUTIVE, GAS INDUSTRY CO		
10.45am	Meet the Exhibitors 2 MINUTES EACH		
10.55am	Networking Break and Morning Tea <i>Industry Exhibition Area</i>		
	Session 2a XXXXXXX	Session 2b XXXXXXX	Session 2c Workshop XXXXXXX
11.25am	To Be Confirmed Soon	Taranaki Geoheat Discovery Challenge; Assessing Geoheat Potential in Legacy Petroleum Assets EVELIEN WALLACE ARA AKE In this presentation, Evelien will introduce Ara Ake's Taranaki Geoheat Discovery Challenge, which explores the potential to reuse legacy petroleum assets for geoheat. The initiative is assessing the scope to provide reliable low-carbon heat for transitioning industries, reduce geoheat	Energy Efficiency Right Sizing Workshop TO BE CONFIRMED SOON

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		development costs, and extend infrastructure life. The session will share early scoping insights, project objectives, and next steps.	
11.55am	Nature Capital LUIS FILARDI HEAD OF SUSTAINABILITY ANZ, BSI	Circular Economy in Action: Opportunities and Barriers ZOE BURKITT SECTOR MANAGER BUILT ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY AND WASTE TOITŪ PHILLIP ALEXANDER SALES AND MARKETING MANAGER, GLIDE Glide's re-refining of lubricating oils illustrates both the potential and the practical challenges of circular economy implementation. The presentation examines system-level constraints, energy hotspots, and infrastructure limitations, alongside lessons from other sectors. A holistic, end-to-end perspective is used to show how greater emissions reductions, resilience, and value retention can be achieved across New Zealand industry.	
12.25pm	STUDENT PAPERS		
12.45pm	Networking Break and Lunch <i>Industry Exhibition Area</i>		
	Session 3a XXXXXX	Session 3b XXXXXX	Session 3c Workshop XXXXXX
1.45pm	Decarbonising Rail: from Strategy to Action MICHELLE DEELY SUSTAINABILITY MANAGER, KIWI RAIL KiwiRail will outline its Carbon Reduction Plan, including targets, pathways, and practical initiatives delivered through its Carbon Zero Programme. Examples span electric shunt vehicles, efficient train-driving software, energy audits, low-carbon construction, and more. The session also covers tools developed to support customer carbon reporting.	Biogas Projects in Practice: Navigating Feedstock, Certainty, and Variability ABBEY ROBERTS-LI ASSOCIATE – PROCESS ENGINEERING, BECA	Building Electrification Workshop LANCE JIMMIESON MANAGING DIRECTOR, JACKSONS
2.15pm	Zespri's Climate Change Transition Plan TO BE CONFIRMED SOON	Woody Biomass for Bioenergy can Support Decarbonisation, Security and Affordability ZARA BALADOR SENIOR SUSTAINABILITY CONSULTANT, WSP	
2.45pm	Adaptable Air Bases ROSIE EVANS ESTATE STRATEGIST - DEI, DEFENCE ESTATE AND INFRASTRUCTURE, NZDF	Hydrogen TO BE CONFIRMED SOON	

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3.15pm	Networking Break and Afternoon Tea <i>Industry Exhibition Area</i>	
	Session 4 XXXXXX	
3.45pm	Integrating Sustainability from Design to Delivery: Lessons from City Rail Link DOUG BODDY ENVIRONMENTAL AND SUSTAINABILITY MANAGER, LINK ALLIANCE <p>This session explores how sustainability was embedded from design through delivery on New Zealand's largest transport infrastructure project, City Rail Link. Learn practical strategies for carbon and energy reduction, circular economy leadership, and cultural integration through partnership with Mana Whenua. Doug will share real-world insights, challenges, and lessons from achieving New Zealand's highest verified IS As-built rating and delivering long-term environmental and social value.</p>	
4.15pm	The Energy Transition and Grid Preparedness TRANSPower	
4.45pm	Political Panel <p>In election year, hear the latest in policy statements and ask your questions of representatives from New Zealand's main political parties</p>	
5.30pm	Days Wrap Invitation and Welcome to Networking Drinks	
5.30pm – 7.30pm	Networking Drinks <i>Industry Exhibition Area</i>	Proudly Sponsored by 

DAY 2: WEDNESDAY 27 MAY 2026

8.00am	Registration and Coffee
	Session 5 xxxxxxxxxx
8.30am	Housekeeping TE RADAR MC
8.35am	Sponsor address SPIRAX SARCO
8.40am	Keynote MIKE UMIKER MANAGING DIRECTOR, ENERGY EFFICIENCY MOVEMENT ASSOCIATION
9.30am	To Be Confirmed Soon MARCOS PELENUR CHIEF EXECUTIVE, Eeca <p>A secure, affordable, and low-emissions energy system depends on strong collaboration between Government, industry, and communities. By accelerating renewable generation, prioritising efficient and flexible energy use, and acting early, we can unlock innovation, productivity, and long-term prosperity. Dr Marcos Pelenur will share insights on pressures facing energy users, EECA's response, and key opportunities to work together to deliver system value.</p>
10.05am	Meet the Exhibitors 2 MINUTES EACH
10.30am	Networking Break and Morning Tea <i>Industry Exhibition Area</i>

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	Session 6a XXXXXXXXXX	Session 6b XXXXXXXXXX	Session 6c Workshop XXXXXXXXXX
11.00am	<p>From Energy Poverty to Energy Resilience: The Tairāwhiti Distributed Energy Programme</p> <p>DAVID WYLLIE GROUP INNOVATION PROGRAMME DIRECTOR, TONKIN + TAYLOR</p> <p>The Tairāwhiti Distributed Energy Programme (TDEP) is a world-first, iwi-led initiative addressing energy poverty, grid vulnerability, and climate resilience. It delivers locally owned solar and battery systems linked through a Virtual Power Plant, enabling peer-to-peer energy sharing and lower power costs. Local community members are trained to install and maintain the systems, building regional capability through a scalable, community-led energy model.</p>	<p>The Electrification of Local Steelmaking</p> <p>ISRAEL MACDONALD SUSTAINABILITY & MARKET DEVELOPMENT MANAGER, BLUESCOPE</p>	<p>Local Government Workshop</p> <p>TO BE CONFIRMED SOON</p>
11.30am	<p>Exploring Battery Options as a Pathway to Electrification and Decarbonisation</p> <p>BILL HEAPS ENERGY FOR GOOD</p> <p>JAMES JOYCE ENERGY FOR GOOD</p>	<p>Switching to Geothermal: A World-First in Tissue Manufacturing</p> <p>MATTHEW BAIN SENIOR MECHANICAL ENGINEER, ESSITY</p> <p>Essity's Kawerau tissue mill illustrates how industrial decarbonisation can move from strategy to delivery. Anchored by an Energy Transition Accelerator, Essity has implemented real projects, including the world first conversion of Paper Machine No. 3 to geothermal drying. This session will unpack the journey and look ahead to future plans.</p>	
12.00pm	<p>Solar Brewed: Decarbonising NZ's Largest Brewery Through Strategic Collaboration</p> <p>MAGNO SOUZA ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS LEAD, LION NEW ZEALAND</p> <p>LUKE RUNDLE MERIDIAN ENERGY</p> <p>DAVID REID REID TECHNOLOGY</p> <p>DEYAN YORDANOV SOLARVISION</p> <p>SAM DICKINS SOLARVISION</p>	<p>Decarbonising Cement: Golden Bay's Journey to High-Rate Alternative Fuel Substitution</p> <p>RUSSELL DYER ENERGY AND AFR MANAGER, GOLDEN BAY</p> <p>Golden Bay is transforming cement manufacturing in New Zealand through large-scale adoption of alternative fuels. From early biomass use to tyres and high-calorific industrial wastes, the plant now achieves over 65% coal substitution. Recent upgrades to front-end handling systems allow safe, efficient firing of complex waste streams while maintaining kiln stability. This case study shows how existing industrial assets can be retrofitted for significant emissions reduction and circular-economy gains.</p>	

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12.30pm	Networking Break and Lunch <i>Industry Exhibition Area</i>				
<i>20+5+5 to change</i>	Session 7a xxxxxxxxxxxxxx				
1.45pm	How Batteries are Redefining Electrification and Supporting the Grid JAMES CARBERRY HEAD OF SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS, SIMPLY ENERGY HAMISH NICHOLSON PROJECT ADVISOR, CENTREPORT Curious about how commercial and industrial energy users are utilising batteries to accelerate electrification projects whilst also providing resilience and supporting the grid? Gain insights on this fast-emerging space from James Carberry, Head of Sustainable Solutions at Simply Energy and hear from Hamish Nicholson, Project Advisor at CentrePort who will share a real-world case study on how a 1.5 MWh battery is enabling the Port to accelerate the electrification of its heavy vehicle fleet.	Session 7b xxxxxxxxxxxxxx Lighting Our Way to the End of the Tunnel JASON BRETHERTON TECHNICAL DIRECTOR, BUILDINGS, WSP	Session 7c Workshop xxxxxx Transitioning Commercial Buildings Away from Gas MARCUS BAKER MANAGING DIRECTOR, APRICUS ECO		
2.15pm	To Be Confirmed Soon GENESIS	Is AI Helping or Hurting the Climate? Assessment, Compliance, and Opportunity JP EHRET DIGITAL SUSTAINABILITY CONSULTANT, RESILIO			
2.45pm	Student Prizegiving				
2.55pm	To Be Confirmed Soon				
3.20pm	Conference Reflections / Wrap up				
	Conference Close				

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