

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

CEP - Celebrating 25 years in 2026



**PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME**  
**As at 11 February 2026**

**DAY 1: TUESDAY 26 MAY 2026**

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

8.00am	<b>Registration and Coffee</b> XXXXXXXXXX		
	<b>Session 1   Conference Opening and Welcome</b> XXXXXXXXXXXX		
9.00am	<b>Mihi Whakatau</b>		
9.10am	<b>Welcome and Housekeeping</b> <b>TE RADAR   MC</b>		
9.15am	<b>Welcome to Hamilton</b> <b>TIM MACINDOE   MAYOR OF HAMILTON</b>		
9.20am	<b>Welcome from CEP</b> <b>CEP BOARD MEMBER / MIKE HOPKINS</b>		
9.25am	<b>Keynote</b> <b>TO BE CONFIRMED SOON</b>		
10.15am	<b>Future of Gas</b> <b>DAVID PRENTICE   CHIEF EXECUTIVE, GAS INDUSTRY CO</b>		
10.45am	<b>Meet the Exhibitors</b> <b>2 MINUTES EACH</b>		
10.55am	<b>Networking Break and Morning Tea</b> <i>Industry Exhibition Area</i>		
	<b>Session 2a  </b> XXXXXXXXXX	<b>Session 2b  </b> XXXXXXXXXX	<b>Session 2c   Workshop</b> XXXXXXXXXX
11.25am	<b>To Be Confirmed Soon</b>	<b>Taranaki Geoheat Discovery Challenge; Assessing Geoheat Potential in Legacy Petroleum Assets</b> <b>EVELIEN WALLACE   ARA AKE</b> 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	<b>Energy Efficiency Right Sizing Workshop</b> <b>TO BE CONFIRMED SOON</b>

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		development costs, and extend infrastructure life. The session will share early scoping insights, project objectives, and next steps.	
11.55am	<b>Nature Capital</b> <b>LUIS FILARDI   HEAD OF SUSTAINABILITY ANZ, BSI</b>	<b>Circular Economy in Action: Opportunities and Barriers</b> <b>ZOE BURKITT   SECTOR MANAGER BUILT ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY AND WASTE TOITŪ</b> <b>PHILLIP ALEXANDER   SALES AND MARKETING MANAGER, GLIDE</b> 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	<b>STUDENT PAPERS</b>		
<b>12.45pm</b>	<b>Networking Break and Lunch</b> <i>Industry Exhibition Area</i>	Proudly sponsored by <b>LUMEN</b>	
	<b>Session 3a  </b> XXXXXXXXXXXX	<b>Session 3b  </b> XXXXXXXXXX	<b>Session 3c   Workshop</b> XXXXXXX
1.45pm	<b>Decarbonising Rail: from Strategy to Action</b> <b>MICHELLE DEELY   SUSTAINABILITY MANAGER, KIWIRAIL</b> 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.	<b>Biogas Projects in Practice: Navigating Feedstock, Certainty, and Variability</b> <b>ABBEY ROBERTS-LI   ASSOCIATE – PROCESS ENGINEERING, BECA</b>	<b>Building Electrification Workshop</b> <b>LANCE JIMMIESON   MANAGING DIRECTOR, JACKSONS</b>
2.15pm	<b>Zespri's Climate Change Transition Plan</b> <b>TO BE CONFIRMED SOON</b>	<b>Woody Biomass for Bioenergy can Support Decarbonisation, Security and Affordability</b> <b>ZARA BALADOR   SENIOR SUSTAINABILITY CONSULTANT, WSP</b>	
2.45pm	<b>Adaptable Air Bases</b> <b>ROSIE EVANS   ESTATE STRATEGIST - DEI, DEFENCE ESTATE AND INFRASTRUCTURE, NZDF</b>	<b>Hydrogen</b> <b>TO BE CONFIRMED SOON</b>	

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3.15pm	<b>Networking Break and Afternoon Tea</b> <i>Industry Exhibition Area</i>	
	<b>Session 4  </b> XXXXXX	
3.45pm	<b>Integrating Sustainability from Design to Delivery: Lessons from City Rail Link</b> <b>DOUG BODDY   ENVIRONMENTAL AND SUSTAINABILITY MANAGER, LINK ALLIANCE</b> 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.	
4.15pm	<b>The Energy Transition and Grid Preparedness</b> <b>TRANSPOWER</b>	
4.45pm	<b>Political Panel</b> In election year, hear the latest in policy statements and ask your questions of representatives from New Zealand's main political parties	
5.30pm	<b>Days Wrap   Invitation and Welcome to Networking Drinks</b>	
5.30pm – 7.30pm	<b>Networking Drinks</b> <i>Industry Exhibition Area</i>	Proudly Sponsored by  <b>Tonkin+Taylor</b>

## DAY 2: WEDNESDAY 27 MAY 2026

8.00am	<b>Registration and Coffee</b>	
	<b>Session 5</b> XXXXXXXXXX	<b>Session 5a   Workshop</b> XXXXXXXXXX
8.30am	<b>Housekeeping</b> <b>TE RADAR   MC</b>	
8.35am	<b>Sponsor address</b> <b>SPIRAX SARCO</b>	
8.40am	<b>Keynote</b> <b>MIKE UMIKER   MANAGING DIRECTOR, ENERGY EFFICIENCY MOVEMENT ASSOCIATION</b>	<b>Geothermal Workshop</b> <b>YALE CARDEN   MANAGING DIRECTOR, GEOEXCHANGE NEW ZEALAND</b>
9.30am	<b>To Be Confirmed Soon</b> <b>MARCOS PELENUR   CHIEF EXECUTIVE, EECA</b> 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.	
10.05am	<b>Meet the Exhibitors</b> <b>2 MINUTES EACH</b>	
10.30am	<b>Networking Break and Morning Tea</b> <i>Industry Exhibition Area</i>	

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	Session 6a   XXXXXXXXXX	Session 6b   XXXXXXXXXX	Session 6c   Workshop XXXXXXXXXX
11.00am	<p><b>From Energy Poverty to Energy Resilience: The Tairāwhiti Distributed Energy Programme</b>  <b>DAVID WYLLIE   GROUP INNOVATION PROGRAMME DIRECTOR, TONKIN + TAYLOR</b>            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><b>The Electrification of Local Steelmaking</b>  <b>ISRAEL MACDONALD   SUSTAINABILITY &amp; MARKET DEVELOPMENT MANAGER, BLUESCOPE</b></p>	<p><b>Local Government Workshop</b>  <b>TO BE CONFIRMED SOON</b></p>
11.30am	<p><b>Exploring Battery Options as a Pathway to Electrification and Decarbonisation</b>  <b>BILL HEAPS   ENERGY FOR GOOD</b>  <b>JAMES JOYCE   ENERGY FOR GOOD</b></p>	<p><b>Switching to Geothermal: A World-First in Tissue Manufacturing</b>  <b>MATTHEW BAIN   SENIOR MECHANICAL ENGINEER, ESSITY</b>            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><b>Solar Brewed: Decarbonising NZ's Largest Brewery Through Strategic Collaboration</b>  <b>MAGNO SOUZA   ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS LEAD, LION NEW ZEALAND</b>  <b>LUKE RUNDLE   MERIDIAN ENERGY</b>  <b>DAVID REID   REID TECHNOLOGY</b>  <b>DEYAN YORDANOV   SOLARVISION</b>  <b>SAM DICKINS   SOLARVISION</b></p>	<p><b>Decarbonising Cement: Golden Bay's Journey to High-Rate Alternative Fuel Substitution</b>  <b>RUSSELL DYER   ENERGY AND AFR MANAGER, GOLDEN BAY</b>            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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<b>12.30pm</b>	<b>Networking Break and Lunch</b> <i>Industry Exhibition Area</i>		Proudly sponsored by <b>LUMEN</b>
<i>20+5+5 to change</i>	<b>Session 7a  </b> XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	<b>Session 7b  </b> XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	<b>Session 7c   Workshop</b> XXXXXX
1.45pm	<b>How Batteries are Redefining Electrification and Supporting the Grid</b> <b>JAMES CARBERRY   HEAD OF SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS, SIMPLY ENERGY</b> <b>HAMISH NICHOLSON   PROJECT ADVISOR, CENTREPORT</b> 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.	<b>Lighting Our Way to the End of the Tunnel</b> <b>JASON BRETHERTON   TECHNICAL DIRECTOR BUILDINGS, WSP</b>	<b>Transitioning Commercial Buildings Away from Gas</b> <b>MARCUS BAKER   MANAGING DIRECTOR, APRICUS ECO</b>
2.15pm	<b>To Be Confirmed Soon</b> <b>GENESIS</b>	<b>Is AI Helping or Hurting the Climate? Assessment, Compliance, and Opportunity</b> <b>JP EHRET   DIGITAL SUSTAINABILITY CONSULTANT, RESILIO</b>	
2.45pm	<b>Student Prizegiving</b>		
2.55pm	<b>To Be Confirmed Soon</b>		
3.20pm	Conference Reflections / Wrap up		
	<b>Conference Close</b>		

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