



## CEO Panel Discussion



**James Kilty**  
**Chief Executive**  
**Powerco Limited**

James joined Powerco in October 2021 and has overall responsibility for all Powerco's customer, financial and operational activities.

James has a First-Class Law Degree and practised in M&A and Commercial Law before joining the energy industry. He is currently Chair of the NZ Electricity CEO Forum, on the Board of the Electricity Networks Association, Energy Resources

Aotearoa, and the NZ Hydrogen Council, and Co-Chair of the Champions of Change work programme, which aims to attract a more diverse workforce into the energy sector in NZ.

In his 20 years in the industry, James has held senior executive roles in electricity generation, energy wholesale markets, and energy retailing. Before joining Powerco, James was Deputy Chief Executive at Contact Energy, on the Board of Simply Energy, and Chair of Western Energy Services.



**Anthony Delaney**  
**Chief Executive**  
**CentrePort**

He was appointed CEO in May 2022, having previously held the roles of General Manager Regeneration, and General Manager Infrastructure and Environment since joining CentrePort following the Kaikoura earthquake in November 2016. Originally hailing from Australia, Anthony has been based in New Zealand since 2010.

His experience is across multiple industries, ranging from transport, mining, water, and oil & gas and has been an executive in a range of business, including client, consulting, and contracting. He has also been a Project Director on the planning and delivery of major infrastructure projects, and the asset management of large-scale infrastructure businesses. This has given him exposure across multiple regulators and jurisdictions.

He has a Bachelor of Engineering and a Bachelor of Commerce, from the University of Wollongong.



## Francois Barton

**Chief Executive**

**Business Leaders' Health and Safety Forum**

Francois has been CEO of the Forum since 2015. Prior to joining the Forum, Francois established and ran WorkSafe NZ's national programme team, which has delivered major safety campaigns in construction, agriculture, forestry and manufacturing. He previously held roles at MBIE, and at the Department of Labour, where he was part of the team that established the Business Leaders' Health and Safety Forum in 2010.



## Brigid Kelly

**Executive General Manager People**

**Transpower**

Brigid joined Transpower in March 2018 and was previously General Manager People at Tourism New Zealand. Prior to this, she held senior executive and line management positions at Te Papa, Telecom, BNZ and Fletcher Challenge Forests. Brigid brings diverse industry and functional experience across a number of sectors, and has helped transform several organisations to successfully meet their future challenges.

Brigid has accountability for the areas of HR, Organisation Development, Health and Safety, Facilities, Grid Skills our Private Training Establishment and Operational training.