

Waikato Affordable Energy Webinar Series

June-November 2026



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Reflections: Ernie Newman,
Independent Competition Expert
and Commentator



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Independent Charitable Trust focused on:

- Regional intelligence about what's most important to households and whanau
- Identifying emerging risks early
- Surfacing underlying drivers, not just symptoms
- Convening government, iwi, councils, community organisations and the private sector around decision-useful insights.





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Social Investment in New Zealand

A Summary

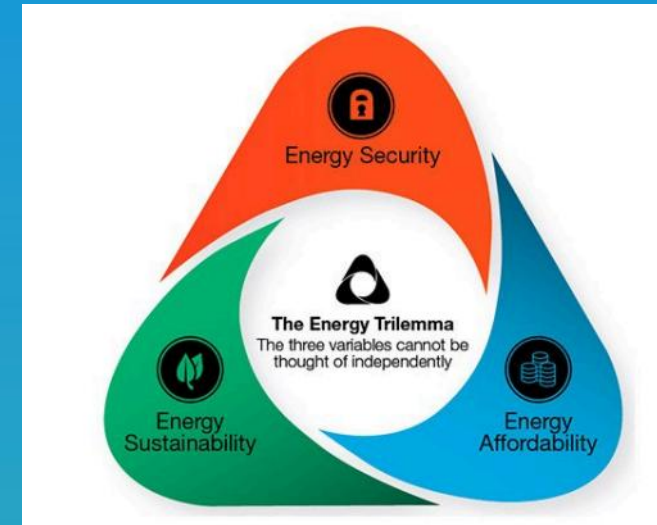


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Energy systems need to be:

- Affordable
- Reliable
- Sustainable



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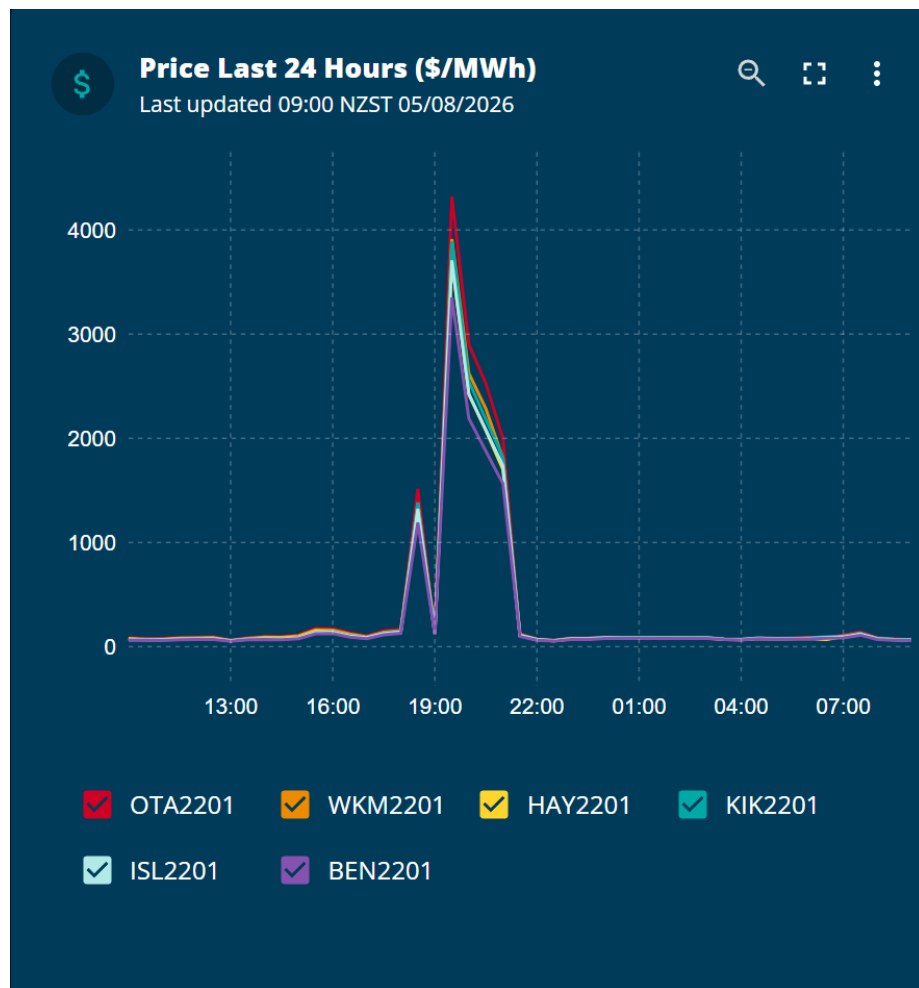
4 Big Questions

1. How does the electricity system actually work—and why is it designed this way?
2. What drives power prices, and how could they be made more affordable?
3. How does energy affordability affect household and community wellbeing?
4. What would a better system look like—and how do we get there?



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Source: Electricity Market Overview Website em6

 **TRANSPOWER**



Excursion Notice

To: SO Notice North Island Participants **From:** The System Operator

Sent: 04-aug-2026 20:07 **Telephone:** 0800 488 500

Ref: 800000278 **Email:** NMData@transpower.co.nz

Revision of:

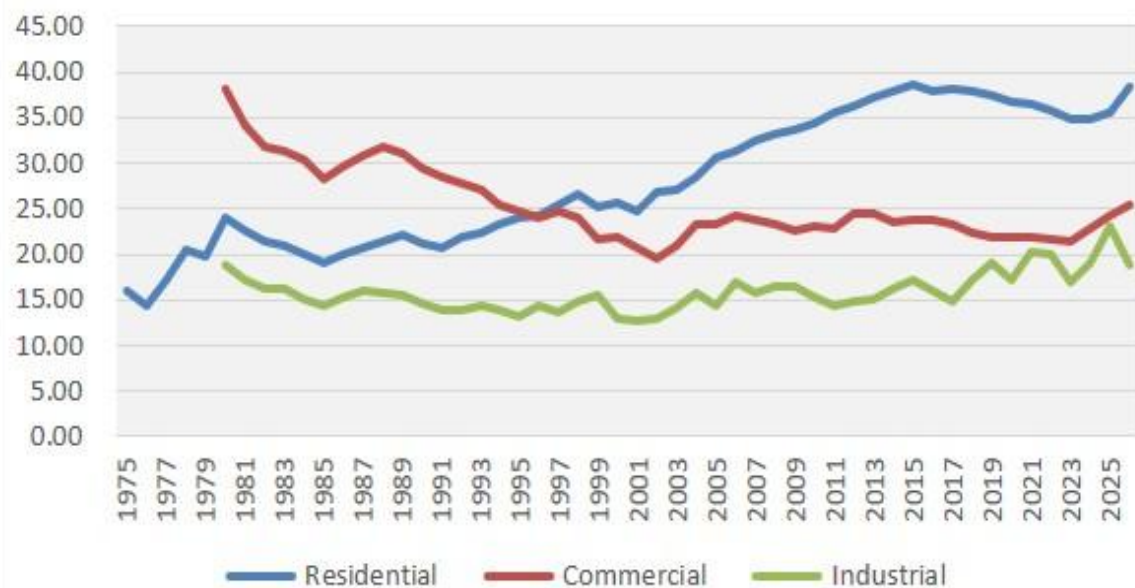
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Time:	04-aug-2026 19:45		
Location:	North Island		
Affected Plant:			
SI Hz Level:	NI Hz Level:	49.24	
Comments:	Huntly generation tripped		

Frequency Excursion notices are only issued if the deviation is outside 49.5 and 50.5 Hz.

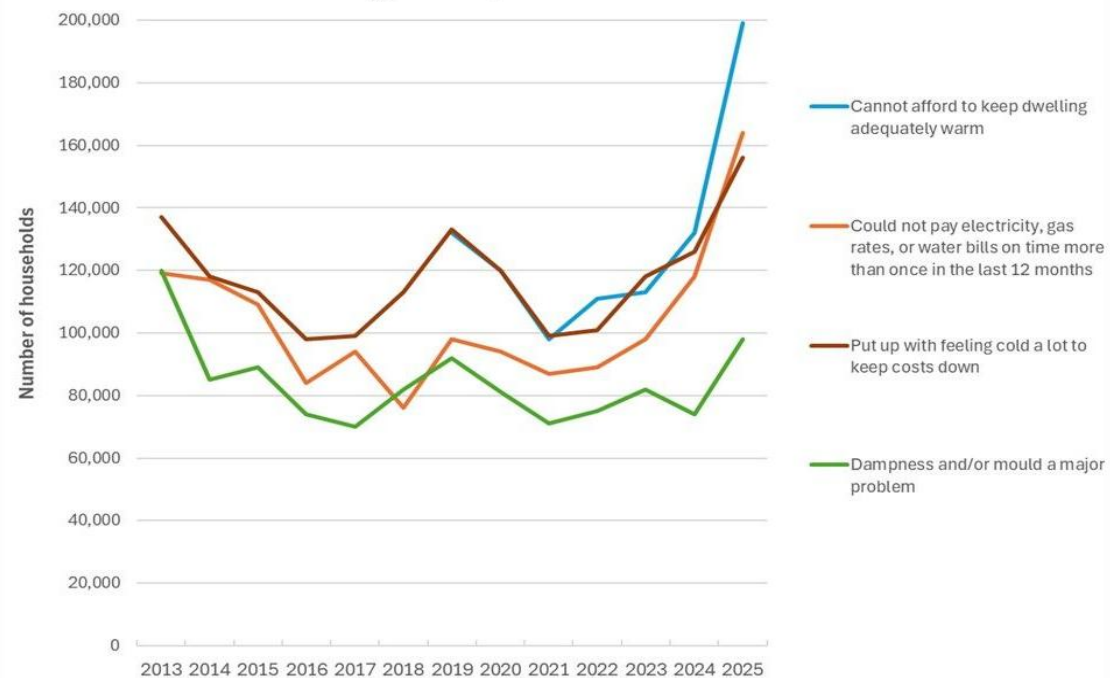
Source: Transpower Excursion Notices

Real Annual Average Energy Prices (2025 Prices)

Source: [Energy prices](#) | Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment



Formal energy hardship measures from 2013



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Abundant Energy



Qiulae Wong
Leader
The Opportunity Party



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Q&A



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The Affordable Energy Webinar Series

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Paul Fuge & Jessica Wilson
Consumer and PowerSwitch
26 August, 11am

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Upcoming Speakers:

Simon Bridges, CEO: Auckland Chamber of Commerce

Rob Johnson, Ezra Hirawani, Founders: Nau Mai Ra

John Campbell, Our Energy

Kelli Pike, Activator for Community Led Zero Waste: GoEco

Gareth Cartwright, Executive Officer: Community Energy Network

Stew Hamilton, CEO of Mercury NZ

David Wilson, Member of Parliament: New Zealand First

Blair Dickie, Principal Strategic Advisor: Waikato Regional Council

2 September

16 September

23 September

30 September

14 October

21 October

28 October

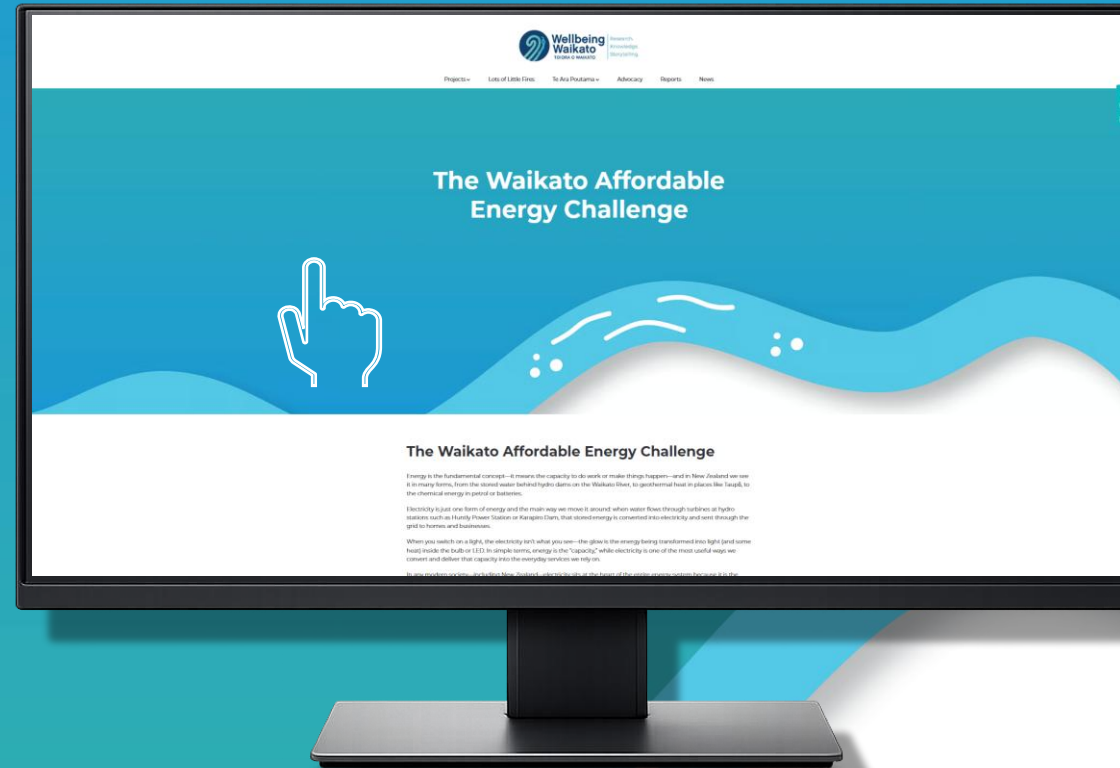
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