

EECA's Fortnightly Report to the Minister for Energy

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1. Priority updates

Title	Comment
Gas Transition Loan Guarantee Scheme	At the 7 July EECA officials meeting, we will discuss our wraparound support for the Gas Transition Loan Guarantee Scheme with you. We have developed a package of wraparound support to help businesses overcome non-financial barriers and accelerate project development. This support is tailored to the needs of different customer groups and include expert advice, help to identify and assess options, and shared resources for customers facing similar challenges and pursuing similar solutions. We are also undertaking engagement to drive uptake of the scheme, including a roadshow with BusinessNZ from mid-August. We will be engaging with participating banks on 13 July to agree joint communications, referral pathways and how we can work together to make the scheme a success. The scheme will launch in late July or early August, pending Treasury finalising deeds of indemnity with participating banks. An A3 providing an overview of current thinking is attached as Appendix 1.
Solar on Schools	Later this month, we will brief you and the Minister for Education on the detailed design for the \$30m Solar on school's programme to enable rapid delivery. This will cover our delivery approach, prioritisation criteria for schools, and sequencing to maximise impact. We will discuss progress to date at the 7 July EECA officials meeting. We will also discuss our approach to managing key stakeholders and the steps we are taking alongside the Ministry of Education to mitigate against potential risks.
Vehicle-to-grid (V2G) trial milestone	EECA's vehicle-to-grid (V2G) trial is nearing an important milestone, with the first tranche of V2G charger installations nearly completed. V2G chargers have significant potential to offer system benefits such as improved grid flexibility, increased energy resilience, and lower household energy costs over time. Analysis from Concept Consulting indicates V2G could deliver around \$2,000 of value from savings/revenue per passenger vehicle and \$10,000 per commercial vehicle annually, under mature market conditions. However, most of this value cannot be realised under current electricity pricing and network arrangements. The trial, delivered with Rewiring Aotearoa through the Queenstown Electrification Accelerator, is testing how two-way EV charging performs in real-world New Zealand conditions and will help build the evidence base for future policy, standards, and market development. EECA is also preparing the first findings report, which will provide an initial assessment of the current V2G market. The report draws on engagement

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	with vehicle and charger manufacturers to better understand vehicle compatibility, product availability, and market readiness. Procurement is also underway for the expanded urban V2X trial, which will build on the lessons from the Queenstown deployment and broaden EECA's understanding of how the technology performs across different locations and use cases. We will provide further updates as the trial progresses.

2. Other updates

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Tools update	EECA has recently published updates to two data tools Times 3.0 and the Energy End Use Database, garnering positive reactions from the sector. TIMES-NZ 3.0 We recently launched the third iteration of the TIMES-NZ model, which was developed by EECA and the BusinessNZ Energy Council (BEC). The TIMES NZ's tool and energy scenarios have been designed to be an input into energy decisions and planning by business leaders and policy makers. This updated version has been completely rebuilt, and the highly detailed data has been improved and updated on almost every aspect of the energy system. The model was built for New Zealand based on the International Energy Agency's TIMES framework - used by more than 60 countries worldwide. The BusinessNZ Energy Council (BEC) and EECA are hosting an event on 28 July to mark the launch of the insights from NZ Energy Scenarios (noting you have been invited to this). This is an opportunity to present the insights of the model and explore energy scenarios with an expert panel of business leaders. Energy End Use Database On 18 June, EECA published an update to our Energy End Use Database. The EEUD gives insights into which sources of energy (including coal, petrol, electricity, biomass and other renewable sources) are being used by different sectors of the economy, and how that is changing. This update was published with new analysis, and infographics, highlighting how investments in electricity and renewable fuels are gradually shifting the mix of energy powering businesses.

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	Media interest in the EEUD insights has led to coverage across RNZ, Business Desk and Energy News.
Final Statement of Performance Expectations 2026/27	On 30 June, we provided you with our final Statement of Performance Expectations (SPE) for 2026/27, as required under the Crown Entities Act 2004. There will be an opportunity to discuss any further feedback at the EECA officials meeting on 7 July. You reviewed the draft SPE in May and did not have any feedback. Since then, we have made updates to reflect Budget 2026 decisions and the final details of our planned work programme for 2026/27. We have briefed you on these updates (EECA 2026 BRF 015 refers), and you will receive advice from MBIE as our monitoring department. You are required to present EECA's final SPE to the House of Representatives. Digital and hard copies have been provided to your office for this purpose. We will also publish the SPE on our website. We will keep you informed of progress against the SPE through our regular quarterly reports.
Ministry for Regulations Solar Review	We have been supporting the Ministry for Regulation (MfR) on its regulatory review into the installation processes for small to medium scale solar. We received the draft Report and Cabinet paper last week, which includes a series of recommendations that relate to existing relevant workstreams. EECA has largely limited its feedback to commenting on: - opportunities to leverage EECA's existing installer accreditation scheme to help achieve consenting and auditing efficiencies. - referencing ongoing cross-agency work to enable plug-in solar. - the benefits of updated consumer information, tools and resources to help consumers understand their choices.

3. Ministerial servicing updates

3.1 Current and upcoming advice

Title	Purpose	Action and timing
EECA 2026 BRF 015 Final EECA Statement of Performance Expectations 2026/27	To provide you with EECA's final Statement of Performance Expectations 2026/27 for presenting to the House of Representatives.	Sent 30 June – awaiting signature

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EECA 2026 BRF 018 Approval to consult on EV charger requirements	To seek your agreement to release a public consultation document on proposed smart functionality requirements for EV chargers.	ETA early July
EECA 2026 BRF 016 Solar on schools – advice on detailed design of \$30m programme	To brief you and Minister of Education on detailed design for the \$30m Solar on school's programme to enable rapid delivery. This will cover delivery models, prioritisation criteria for schools, and sequencing to maximise educational and energy outcomes.	ETA end of July

3.2 Communications and events calendar

Date	Type	Activity/Event	Opportunities for engagement
(b)(7)(F), (b)(7)(G)	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
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July	Announcement/PR	We will announce the successful service providers from round 6 of the Supporting Energy Education in Communities (SEEC) programme. The eight providers will undertake in-home energy advice interventions funding to support households to achieve warmer, more energy-efficient homes and lower their power bills.	PR
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End of July	Cocktail event and PR	EECA and the BusinessNZ Energy Council (BEC) have completely rebuilt our comprehensive model of the whole NZ energy system. EECA and BEC will be releasing fresh insights from two new future energy scenarios (using the model) at a cocktail function for business leaders on July 28 at Wharewaka, Wellington.	Launch attendance, including an optional address, and PR.

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August	Announcement/PR	EECA is working alongside Treasury and banks on the release of the support initiatives alongside the Gas Transition Loan Guarantee Scheme. EECA is collaborating with BusinessNZ on a North Island roadshow, to be launched alongside the wrap around support.	PR and potential event attendance

3.3 Official Information Act requests

Requestor	Request	Date received	Date due
9(2)(a)	Since November 2023, how many working groups, advisory groups, reference groups, expert panels, stakeholder groups, or similar bodies administered by your agency have required participants to sign a non-disclosure agreement (NDA), confidentiality agreement, or confidentiality undertaking as a condition of participation.	17/06/2026	16/07/2026

Requestor	Request	Date received	Date due
[REDACTED]	Any research or communications, in any form, produced or received by the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority pertaining to dry year energy risk.	19/06/2026	20/07/2026
[REDACTED]	All advice provided by EECA and received by EECA on the Gas Loans Scheme.	26/06/2026	27/07/2026
[REDACTED]	Enquiring from a solar company's perspective about timeline and how they can engage with the Gas Loans Scheme.	1/07/2026	30/07/2026