

EECA's Fortnightly Report to the Minister for Energy

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1. Priority updates

Title	Comment
Gas Transition Loan Guarantee Scheme	The Gas Transition Loan Guarantee Scheme launched on Friday 31 July. Participating banks (ANZ, ASB, BNZ, Kiwibank, and Westpac) are now beginning conversations with customers to promote the scheme. EECA's wraparound supports are now live on our website. EECA is now undertaking a concerted push to promote the scheme and support the success of bank rollout. Our regional Roadshow in partnership with BusinessNZ begins from mid-August across Auckland, Tauranga, Palmerston North, and Wellington. The events will include networking opportunities between businesses and participating banks, presentations on the scheme and supports, and a panel discussion. EECA's regional managers are meeting with regional bank representatives to build relationships and referral channels. EECA is providing common references and tools so banks have aligned messaging on the scheme. We will keep you updated on uptake of EECA's wraparound supports.
Solar on schools	We are supporting you and the Minister for Education to jointly announce the next stage of the Solar on Schools programme on 7 August at Te Papapa school in Auckland. Te Papapa School is the first school to receive solar installation from MoE's Auckland pilot scheme which has provided important delivery and market insights to inform the most effective delivery approach for the scaled programme. We will provide a joint event briefing and supporting communications material to your office on Monday 3 August, alongside detailed background information on the programme. Immediately following your announcement, the Ministry of Education will: Contact schools to inform them of their programme eligibility and provide information on next steps; then Release an Expression of Interest (EOI) seeking interest from suppliers and market feedback on the most cost-effective delivery methodology to install solar across 500 schools. We plan to discuss this and other programme details with you at the 5 August EECA officials meeting.
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	Heavy vehicle charging initiative [COMMERCIAL IN-CONFIDENCE] EECA is also progressing the heavy vehicle charging initiative, which would provide up to \$10 million of co-funding through the expanded LEHVF to demonstrate high-capacity charging infrastructure for electric heavy vehicles. The Request for Proposals has closed, with 10 applications received and assessed. 9(2)(b)(ii) Both initiatives continue to progress as planned. We will provide further updates as key milestones are reached.

2. Other updates

Title	Comment
WKH Milestone	The Warmer Kiwi Homes programme recently delivered its 200,000th heating and insulation retrofit to eligible households across New Zealand, marking a significant milestone. The programme delivers strong public value, with a benefit-cost ratio of 4.36 and over \$80 million of avoided health costs every year. Independent evaluation demonstrates the programme continues to deliver several measurable benefits: • 77% of households report warmer homes • 87% report improved comfort • condensation and dampness are significantly reduced • living areas are on average 1.1°C warmer, with greater gains in colder conditions • winter electricity use falls by approximately 16%, despite homes being warmer.

3. Ministerial servicing updates

3.1 Current and upcoming advice

Title	Purpose	Action and timing
EECA 2026 BRF 016 Solar on schools – programme announcement briefing	To provide supporting material to you and Minister of Education ahead of your joint announcement of the next stage of the programme on 7 August at Te Papapa school in Auckland.	3 August

3.2 Communications and events calendar

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Date	Type	Activity/Event	Opportunities for engagement
August	Announcement /PR	Solar on schools joint announcement of the 500 eligible schools and the release of an Expression of Interest (EOI) to the wider market with detailed information of the programme and participation requirements to support various stages of programme delivery (planning/design and installation).	Site visit and PR
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

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3.3 Consultations underway

Strategic priority	Title	Purpose	Action and timing
Non-urgent	Proposed energy flexibility regulatory requirements for electric vehicle chargers	To seek feedback on the proposed technical requirements for EV chargers, to inform the drafting of Ministerial rules.	Open 23 July to 4 September

3.4 Official Information Act requests

Requestor	Request	Date received	Date due
9(2)(a)	Seeking information relating to EECA-funded residential insulation programmes, including Warmer Kiwi Homes and any predecessor insulation programmes administered by EECA. For research into the New Zealand residential insulation market as part of a strategic industry analysis.	23/07/2026	20/08/2026