

Tena ra koutou,

I would like to respond briefly to all submissions closing today, namely:

- Energy Strategy
- Gas Transition Plan
- Interim Hydrogen Roadmap
- Offshore renewable energy
- Electricity market measures
- Fossil-fuel baseload ban

I support the submissions from Climate Justice Taranaki, of which I am a founding member. I don't have capacity to write individual submissions for each of these consultation documents but I would like to speak to them if that option is available.

In summary, I think the government should be writing an energy strategy first based on a rapid transition away from fossil fuels and towards a low-energy use, highly-efficient economy. I don't think the piecemeal proposals support this and fear we are being quickly redirected towards another Think Big disaster by politicians and companies who fail to see our community and planet's needs before their shareholder and personal career needs. You just have to ask yourself, if we're failing to cover construction projects now in this current economic climate, how will we ever cover decommissioning and maintenance of current and proposed big energy projects? It is simply not realistic and will not bring emissions down quickly (if at all), nor deliver for current projected energy demand. We must help our community and businesses reduce their energy demand urgently and prepare for a downsized economy in a climate crisis that will rage for generations.

