

JULY MEETING – 2025

Date: Wednesday 23 July 2025
Time: 1.30pm – 5.00pm
MC: Esther Evening – Mercury

Venue: [Grand Millennium Auckland](#)
 71 Mayoral Drive
 Cnr Vincent Street, Auckland

Agenda

- 1.00pm** **Doors open:** Registration and networking – tea and coffee
- 1.30pm** **Welcome from the MC | Esther Evening** – *sustainability and strategy analyst*, Mercury
- 1.35pm** **New Zealand’s past and future generation pipeline – have we been building enough?**
 A perennial topic of discussion in the electricity industry is the rate of new generation build, the extent to which it is sufficient and the reasons as to why or why not. Drawing on recent publications by Concept Consulting, we will look back at electricity generation build over the past 25 years as well as how much generation is being developed for future needs.
 We will also discuss some of the factors that influence generation investment - e.g., the regulatory environment, demand growth, electricity prices, gas prices, carbon prices, the transmission grid as well as macroeconomic factors and how these have evolved over time.
Buddhika Rajapakse – *associate director*, Concept Consulting
- 2.05pm** **OTC Hedge Market Update**
Paul Chapman – *manager - risk and energy management services*, Energy Link
- 2.15pm** **Transpower Security of Supply Outlook**
 Transpower conducts a range of security of supply reporting. This session will cover the latest quarterly Security of Supply Outlook which covers near-term energy and capacity risks, along with key insights from the annual Security of Supply Assessment which provides a 10-year view of security margins.
Ramu Naidoo – *market operations manager*, Transpower
- 2.45pm** **Navigating New Zealand’s evolving electricity and carbon landscape**
 A timely and insightful perspective on the evolving landscape of energy and carbon markets in New Zealand. This session will cover:
- Marex – one year in NZ
 - Electricity – observations in an ever-evolving market
 - Carbon – where are we at and where are we going?
- Nigel Brunel** – *managing director*, New Zealand, Marex

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3.00pm **Afternoon networking break**

Tea, coffee, and a snack

3.30pm **Market Update | Futures – electricity**

Ian Waddell – *business development manager | distribution, markets, ASX*

3.35pm **PANEL | Competition or Capacity? Unpacking the volatility in the electricity market**

With recommendations from a ministerial review due imminently and an Energy Competition Task Force in action, the pressure is on to address wholesale price volatility. But are we grappling with a lack of market competition, or are we simply waiting for investment in new capacity (baseload and peaking)?

This panel brings together experts from across the energy sector to explore the root causes of current market pressures, assess the effectiveness of current regulation, and debate the best path forward for a competitively priced, secure electricity system.

Panelists:

Hayden Glass – *GM, wholesale and supply, Electricity Authority*

Grant Sullivan – *head of financial trading, Meridian*

Huia Burt – *chief executive officer, Electric Kiwi*

Phil Gibson – *energy market expert*

Facilitated by: **Tony Baldwin** – *energy sector advisor*

4:30pm **Unlocking Grid Flexibility: Lessons from a DSO Pilot in Action**

As electricity markets evolve to integrate more distributed energy resources (DERs), the role of the Distribution System Operator (DSO) is becoming pivotal.

This session presents key learnings from a recent DSO pilot, highlighting how active coordination at the distribution level can unlock local flexibility, improve visibility for system operators, and create new trading opportunities.

Join us to explore the operational, regulatory, and commercial insights emerging from this pilot and what they mean for future market participants.

Astad Kapadia – *head of DSO strategy, Counties Energy*

5.00pm **Wrap up and networking drinks**

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