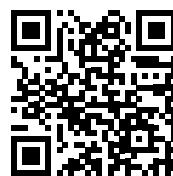




Oceania Renewable Power Summit



7–8 October 2026

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Powering Oceania's energy future

Accelerating the shift to a low carbon, reliable, and future-ready energy system



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Event metrics from 2025

220+
attendees

50+
CEOs

130+
organisations

50+
speakers

Who this summit is for

- renewable generation developers and operators
- network owners and system operators
- investors, lenders, and infrastructure funds
- regulators and market bodies
- EPCs, OEMs, and technology providers

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Annual renewable energy summit

The Oceania Renewable Power Summit is a two-day conference and exhibition focused on the deployment of solar, wind, and battery technologies across the Oceania region.

The event launched in September 2024 and brought together delegates from New Zealand, Australia, Fiji, Cook Islands, Samoa, Niue, Singapore, Kingdom of Tonga, Indonesia, Malaysia, Nauru, and Vanuatu.

THE SUMMIT'S CONTENT WILL FOCUS ON FOUR KEY THEMES



**Construction
and supply chain**



Market integration



Financing



Asset management

It will explore how to realise the opportunities in transitioning to renewables, analysing key topics such as funding models, investment, regulations, social acceptance, and engaging the supply chain.

Attendees will gain insights to:

**accelerate
renewable
delivery**

**understand
market and policy
shifts**

**connect with
key energy
leaders**

**unlock
investment
opportunities**

2025 FEEDBACK

"One of the best...conferences...I've attended recently"





Tuesday 6 October

(ticketed event)

5.30 pm -
7.00 pm

WELCOME FUNCTION



Lodestone

Gary Holden – *managing director*, Lodestone Energy



2025 FEEDBACK

"Summit was well organised."



Wednesday 7 October

7.30 am

REGISTRATION OPEN

8.40 am

MIHI AND WELCOME FROM THE MC

Cristiano Marantes – *head of infrastructure*, Simplicity



9.00 am

STATE OF PLAY IN OCEANIA – 2026

Your essential snapshot of the region's renewable energy transition

Kickstart the 2026 Summit with a fast, insight packed tour of how Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific are evolving in one of the most dynamic years yet for renewable power.

Brian Moore returns with an updated regional outlook – covering rising electricity demand driven in part by New Zealand's surge in data centre investment, Australia's rapid scaleup of solar plus storage through the latest CIS awards, and the Pacific's accelerating shift toward microgrids and diesel displacement programmes.

Brian Moore – *managing director*, Pol Energy Analytics



9.30 am

PANEL | AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND NETWORK REGULATION: WHICH MODEL PROVIDES BETTER INCENTIVES TO INVEST AHEAD OF NEED WITHOUT GOLD-PLATING?

Australia and New Zealand are overhauling network regulation to unlock electrification, distributed energy resources (DER/CER), and major grid builds – all being attempted with a sharp view on pricing and the consumer. Both have different systems in place with similar objectives in mind. In this panel we take a look at some of the key considerations and share learnings from either side.



Andy Burgess – Commerce Commission; Jason Franklin – Powerco; Dennis Freedman – Aquila Clean Energy; Ann Whitfield – Houston Kemp. Facilitator: John Hancock – Signature Consulting

10.25 am

REMOTE COMMUNITY CASE STUDY: HOW THE CHATHAM ISLANDS SHIFTED FROM 100% DIESEL TO A MAJORITY-RENEWABLE GRID

For decades, the Chatham Islands operated a 100% diesel-based electricity system. With the completion of the Point Durham wind project - three second-hand 225 kW Vestas turbines supported by 576 kW BESS - the islands have rapidly transitioned to a renewable share exceeding 65%.

Roger Sutton – *principal strategic advisory*, DETA

10.55 am

MORNING BREAK AND NETWORKING



11.25 am

THE MOUSE THAT ROARED: HOW HOUSEHOLD SOLAR AND BATTERY STORAGE IS SHAPING THE LARGE SCALE SYSTEM (AND WHAT THAT MEANS FOR EVERYONE ELSE)

Australian households have embraced consumer energy resources (CER) with gusto. They continue to install bigger rooftop PV systems, while uptake of large household batteries also continues to grow. Driven by electrification of transport and heating, tariff reform, subsidies and falling supply costs, this uptake is already impacting the broader power system.

Christiaan Zuur – *director, energy infrastructure*, KPMG



11.55 am

A SOLAR DEVELOPER'S SUCCESS STORY: FROM FIRST GRID CONNECTIONS TO PORTFOLIO BUILD - WHAT WE'D DO DIFFERENTLY

Lodestone's CEO Gary Holden reflects on the hard-won lessons from the past several years - and what he'd change if starting again. This session offers a view of what it takes to scale solar in New Zealand, from navigating lines-company relationships to building world-firsts in retail innovation.

Gary Holden – *managing director*, Lodestone Energy



12.25 pm



UTILITY-SCALE SOLAR PV: TECHNOLOGY AND DEPLOYMENT TRENDS FROM CHINA

Utility-scale solar is rapidly advancing due to innovation and mass manufacturing in China. Enhancements in cell design, modules, system optimization, and storage integration improve performance, lower LCOE, and transform grid integration.

Andrew Percival – *head of sales AUS & NZ*, TrinaSolar



12.50 pm

NETWORKING LUNCH

1.50 pm



IS IT MUCH FURTHER? FROM HIGH TO VERY HIGH RENEWABLE GENERATION

The Electricity Authority's work on wholesale market design remains vital, with baseload thermal retiring and record investment in solar and batteries. Hydro's future role focuses more on storage and firming, less on baseload duties.

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

2.15 pm



DC COUPLING: TURNING SOLAR AND STORAGE INTO A HIGH-VALUE ASSET

As solar use rises, projects must maximize limited grid capacity. This talk explores how DC coupling captures curtailed energy, shifts generation to peak times, and enhances connection use while managing controls and risks.

Jimmy Molea – *regional business development director*, Sungrow



2.35 pm



SYSTEM PROFILE: PALAU PUBLIC UTILITIES CORPORATION - PALAU

Palau's electricity relies mostly on imported diesel, historically over 97% of generation, now shifting to solar-plus-storage. In 2023, Palau launched its first utility-scale solar and battery project, supplying about 20% of demand, with grid upgrades supporting more renewables. Investments focus on grid stability and integrating intermittent power on the main island grid.

Frank Kyota – *chief executive officer*, Palau Public Utilities Corporation

2.55 pm



MANAGING LOGISTICS: DELIVERING RENEWABLE PROJECTS ACROSS OCEANIA

As renewable energy targets accelerate across the Pacific, Australia, and New Zealand, the challenge is no longer just financing and technology. The ability to move turbines, batteries, transformers, solar components, and specialist equipment into some of the world's most remote locations is becoming a critical factor in project success.

Simon Dedman – *managing director*, Kuehne + Nagel



3.15 pm



THINK BROADER, MOVE FASTER: A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON RENEWABLES IN NEW ZEALAND

New Zealand's renewable sector faces challenges like limited suppliers, complex consenting, and funding issues, but smaller projects, new entrants, and smarter advisory could unlock Aotearoa's renewable potential.

Irene Lauret – *technical director - power generation*, Aurecon



3.35 pm

AFTERNOON TEA



4.05 pm



NATURAL DISASTER PREPAREDNESS – LESSONS FROM VANUATU AND OCEANIA

This session will share frontline insights from Vanuatu, where cyclones, flooding, and seismic events regularly test electricity infrastructure. Hear from the chief executive of the primary utility company UNELCO Engie about successful initiatives, learnings and advice for utilities across Oceania.

Frédéric Petit – *managing director*, UNELCO Engie

4.30 pm



THE ELECTRICITY MARKET AT A CROSSROADS: ADDRESS FROM THE NEW CHAIR

New Zealand's electricity sector faces major change with record renewable investments, faster electrification, and growing focus on supply security and affordability by consumers, investors, and policymakers.

John Harbord – *chair*, Electricity Authority

4.55 pm



ENERGY FIJI LIMITED: DRIVING FIJI'S RENEWABLE TRANSFORMATION

EFL's network spans thousands of kilometres and serves more than 220,000 customers. As Fiji targets 99% renewable electricity by 2030, EFL's role has never been more critical.

Fatiaki Gibson – *chief executive officer*, Energy Fiji Limited

5.20 pm

MC WRAP AND DAY ONE CLOSE

5.30 pm -
6.30 pm

NETWORKING DRINKS





Thursday 8 October

7.30 am REGISTRATION OPEN

AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND STREAM

PACIFIC STREAM

8.15 am WELCOME TO THE AUSTRALIA/
NEW ZEALAND STREAM

Cristiano Marantes – *head of infrastructure, Simplicity*

WELCOME TO THE PACIFIC STREAM

David Dewar – *business strategy and economic policy consultant*

8.30 am WHY RENEWABLE GRIDS MUST LEARN
TO EMBRACE OVERSUPPLY AND HOW
TO SET THEM UP

UPDATE ON TIDES AND BLENDED FINANCE
SOLUTIONS

Traditional electricity systems matched generation to demand, but fluctuating wind and solar output require a new approach. The lowest-cost renewable grids may actually demand building double or more the generation needed, relying on storage and flexible demand to capture the excess.

Nick Sallmann – *manager, commercial origination, Hydro Tasmania*

TIDES – Transforming Island Development through Electrification and Sustainability – is an innovative blended finance initiative unlocking private sector investment in Pacific renewable energy. The platform targets roughly USD \$100 million in total capital by pooling public and private finance into one vehicle, with anchor funding from the United Kingdom and New Zealand governments.

Kavit Borkhataria – *investment manager, Camco*

9.00 am MINISTERIAL PANEL

How New Zealand and Pacific Island nations can accelerate renewable energy deployment, build climate-resilient power systems, and collaborate on investment, technology transfer, and workforce capability in a rapidly evolving energy landscape.

Hon Simeon Brown – *Minister for Energy, New Zealand*

Hon Mulipola Anarosa Ale Molio'o – *Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Samoa*

Facilitator: David Dewar – *business strategy and economic policy consultant*

9.45 am GENERATION DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

UPDATE #1: CONTACT ENERGY –
WIND & SOLAR

Matthew Cleland – *head of wind & solar, Contact Energy*

FLOATING SOLAR'S ROLE IN ENABLING A
FUTURE-FIT ENERGY SYSTEM IN THE PACIFIC
ISLANDS

Floating photovoltaics (FPV) - especially nearshore FPV engineered for coastal conditions - offer a practical, scalable pathway to accelerate renewable energy adoption without competing for limited land. The Pacific islands represent a prime opportunity for this technology.

Francisco Voza – *director of business development, Fred. Olsen 1848*

10.00 am UPDATE #2: MERIDIAN ENERGY –
DIGITISING GENERATION

Tania Palmer – *GM generation, Meridian Energy*

10.15 am UPDATE #3: GENESIS – SOLAR & BESS

Kade Mace – *GM - asset delivery, Genesis Energy*

SETTING THE FRAMEWORK: ENABLED
REGULATION FOR IPPs AND RENEWABLES IN
THE PACIFIC

As Pacific power grids shift toward renewable energy and private investment, effective regulation is crucial. Clear rules, credible institutions, consistent standards, and transparent processes reduce risk for independent power producers while ensuring affordable, reliable energy for consumers.

Dean Yarrall – *chairperson, Office for the Pacific Energy Regulators Alliance (OPERA)*

10.30 am UPDATE #4: MINT RENEWABLES –
AUSTRALASIAN FOOTPRINT UPDATE

Kate Binns – *head of New Zealand, Mint Renewables*

10.45 am MORNING BREAK AND NETWORKING

 **Downstream**
The energy sector's strategic forum

11.15 am **ROUND TABLES**

Choose from the following topical small group discussions:

- **BETTER BY DESIGN: IMPROVING SOLAR FARM QUALITY, COST AND PERFORMANCE**
Richard Pearce – Lodestone Energy
 - **MARKET DESIGN FOR RENEWABLE GENERATION OVERBUILDING**
Nick Sallmann – Hydro Tasmania
 - **ENGAGING WITH THE WORLD BANK IN THE PACIFIC**
Subrata Barman – IFC - World Bank
 - **FISCAL LESSONS FROM THE 2026 FUEL CRISIS**
Dean Yarrall – Office for the Pacific Energy Regulators Alliance (OPERA)
 - **INTEGRATING DATACENTRES INTO YOUR ELECTRICITY SYSTEM**
Christiaan Zuur – KPMG
 - **UNLOCKING FLEXIBLE ELECTRICITY ACROSS OCEANIA**
Briony Bennett – New Zealand Climate Foundation
- **PACIFIC FOCUS: DIESEL SECURITY, COST AND RELIABILITY**
Steve West – Envisory
 - **BESS: UNLOCKING THE COMMERCIAL ADVANTAGES OF ANCILLARY SERVICES**
Rachel Rundle – Eku Energy
 - **DISTRIBUTED GENERATION CONNECTIONS: ENABLING SCALE WHILE PROTECTING THE SYSTEM**
Tim Sparks – Electricity Authority
 - **GRID READINESS: SCALING THE PACIFIC'S RENEWABLE ENERGY TRANSITION**
Janendra Prasad – Scinergy Pacific
 - **BUILDING, TRAINING AND RETAINING THE RENEWABLE ENERGY WORKFORCE IN THE PACIFIC**
Randhir Charan – Energy Fiji Limited
 - **HOW TO ACCELERATE WIND FARM DEVELOPMENT**
Trevor Nash – Yinson

12.30 pm **NETWORKING LUNCH**



AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND STREAM

PACIFIC STREAM

1.30 pm



PANEL | AFTER THE REVIEWS: WHAT HAPPENS NOW?

- the current generation pipeline: firming vs new generation. Enter the gentailer
- who is handling oversight of deliverables and could another phase of work emerge?
- steps taken by the regulators

PACIFIC LEADERS' PANEL | GOVERNMENT'S ROLE IN FACILITATING THE ENTRY OF IPPs

Across the Pacific, governments are grappling with how to expand generation capacity, accelerate renewable uptake, and attract independent power producers (IPPs) into systems long dominated by vertically integrated, state-owned utilities.



Frédéric Petit – UNELCO Engie
Senikavika Jiuta – FCCC
David Brown – CINSF
Merinda-Lee Hassall – MFAT
Fatiaki Gibson – Energy Fiji Limited
Facilitator: Paul Makumbe – Sunergise



Chris Abbott – Contact Energy
Thomas Schmitz – Aquila Clean Energy
Steve Reid – Origin Energy
Jean-Christophe Cheylus – Neoen
Karen Boyes – MEUG



Facilitator:
Lauren Curtayne – Chapman Tripp



2.30 pm



THE EVOLVING BUSINESS CASE FOR UTILITY-SCALE BATTERY STORAGE: AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND

Oceania's utility-scale batteries are transitioning from innovation to critical infrastructure as renewables accelerate. This shift is driven by market volatility, stricter grid rules, and long-duration storage.

Rachel Rundle – *director of policy*, Eku Energy

ELECTRICITY SYSTEM SNAPSHOT BY COUNTRY

UPDATE #1: SOLOMON POWER

Joshua Suiramo – *chief engineer*, Solomon Power



UPDATE #2: EPC - SAMOA

Chris Fruean – *chief engineer*, Electric Power Corporation (Samoa)



2.45 pm

AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND WRAP

Cristiano Marantes

PACIFIC STREAM WRAP

David Dewar

3.10 pm



FROM CLIMATE AMBITION TO DELIVERY: HOW THE POWER SECTOR CAN LEAD THE NEXT DECADE OF DECARBONISATION

Mike Roan – *chief executive officer*, Meridian Energy

3.40 pm - 4.00 pm

MC WRAP AND CONFERENCE CLOSE



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REASONS TO ATTEND

- gain a comprehensive understanding of the current state of the energy transition across Australia, New Zealand, and the Pacific
- hear from renewable energy experts, business leaders, analysts, regulators, and policy makers
- discover the commercial opportunities in renewable power across Oceania
- build your network with key renewable power stakeholders from across the region
- engage with suppliers who have solutions to your construction, investment, asset management, and renewable energy procurement challenges

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