

## APRIL MEETING – 2025

**Date:** Wednesday 2 April 2025  
**Time:** 1.20pm – 5.00pm  
**MC:** Ben Gerritsen – Clarus

**Venue:** [Te Wharewaka o Pōneke](#)  
2 Taranaki Street, Wellington  
Central (on the Whairepo lagoon,  
near Te Papa) and online

### Agenda

- 1.00pm **Doors open:** Registration and networking – tea and coffee
- 1.20pm **Introduction:** Welcome from the MC  
**Ben Gerritsen** – *general manager customer & regulatory*, Clarus
- 1.25pm **Power Innovation Pathway learnings**  
The Power Innovation Pathway is the Electricity Authority’s new ‘open front door’ for innovators wanting easy access to regulatory information and support to bring fresh ideas to market faster. Some fascinating and potential game-changing initiatives from innovators have applied for help. This update will provide an overview of the applications received, learnings to date as well as the projects the Authority will be supporting.  
**Jono Barnard** – *power innovation pathway manager*, Electricity Authority
- 1.50pm **Gas: We need to solve security of supply**  
Gas Industry Co’s Andy Knight will present a summary of the current gas security of supply situation and implications, and the short and long-term options available to respond.  
**Andy Knight** – *chief executive*, Gas Industry Co.
- 2.15pm **Latest 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, released just before the forum. The last outlook, published in February, can be found [here](#).  
**Rebecca Osborne** – *head of market services* and  
**Ramu Naidoo** – *market operations manager*, Transpower
- 2.40pm **OTC Hedge Market Update**  
**Greg Sise** – *managing director*, Energy Link

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- 2.45pm **The critical role of coal for New Zealand's energy security**  
Coal remains a significant part of New Zealand's energy future, as evidenced by Genesis Energy's fuel stocking ahead of winter 2025. This divisive fuel has well-known strengths and weaknesses, but what are the risks and opportunities associated with its dependency? This presentation will cover the pipeline, supply chain, market instruments, and scenarios related to coal's role in ensuring security of supply.  
**Alan Young** – *associate director*, Enerlytica
- 3.10pm **Afternoon networking break**  
Tea, coffee, and a snack
- 3.40pm **Market Update | Futures – electricity**  
**Chris Pugh** – *product development & sales*, ASX
- 3.50pm **Unlocking economic growth through energy**  
Representing a coalition of energy and business leaders, the Northern Infrastructure Forum and the Auckland Business Chamber recently launched a campaign for change with a ten-point Energy Action Plan. This plan focuses on strengthening sector leadership, driving competition, increasing new generation and resilience, and ensuring effective and efficient markets. It will be backed up by sustained advocacy to keep energy issues at the forefront of government agendas. We will explore the origins and goals of this initiative.  
**Barney Irvine** – *executive director*, Northern Infrastructure Forum
- 4.15pm **Superpeak trading events – current overview, and future possibilities**  
A light background on the superpeak trading events, as well as Aotearoa Energy's previous machinations on the PEM (Prompt Electricity Market). Daniel will also cover the super peak trading events in more detail and round it off with some food for thought on the potential benefits of a flexible CFD trading venue and the products it could offer.  
**Daniel Skipper** – *energy broker, full-stack developer, director*, Aotearoa Energy
- 4:35pm **Forecasting the future**  
Concept Consulting has been providing electricity, gas, and carbon market forecasting services to clients on a bespoke basis for over 15 years – generally in support of major investments or acquisitions. Concept's most recent forecasting has highlighted some interesting market implications for the renewable generation pipeline mix, which it will share. Energy and gas price forecasting insights will also be covered.  
**Simon Coates** – *director* and  
**David Weaver** – *associate director*, Concept Consulting

5.00pm **Networking drinks**

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