



2022 full year results presentation

Twelve months ended 30 June 2022

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Strong performance despite volatile market conditions, investment ramps up

	Twelve months ended 30 June 2022 (FY22)	Twelve months ended 30 June 2021 (FY21)	
EBITDAF ¹	\$537m	\downarrow	3% from \$553m
Profit	\$182m	\downarrow	3% from \$187m
Profit per share	23.4 c	\downarrow	8% from 25.3 c
Operating free cash flow ²	\$325m	\downarrow	12% from \$371m
Operating free cash flow per share ²	41.8 c	\downarrow	17% from 50.2 c
Dividend declared	\$273m	↑	\$272m
Dividend declared per share	35.0 c	\rightarrow	35.0 c
Stay-in-business (SIB) capital expenditure (cash)	\$75m	1	23% from \$61m
Growth capital expenditure (cash)	\$291m	1	283% from \$76m

FY22 market

The operating conditions in FY22 were characterised by:

- Strong Clutha hydro flows in the first six months of the year, followed by dry South Island conditions in Q4 FY22.
- Lower wholesale spot prices.
- Continued increases to gas and carbon costs.
- Extreme volatility across commodity markets, driven by a combination of global energy supply and security concerns, exacerbated by the impact of the Russian invasion of Ukraine, with subsequent unprecedented increases in international energy prices including coal, gas and oil.
- Domestically, gas field declines and high coal and gas prices have contributed to a steep escalation in medium-term wholesale electricity prices.



Contact has responded to the conditions by:

- Increasing renewable generation and using the flexibility of our thermal fuel supply to manage volatile hydrology.
- · Long-term offtake agreements signed.
- Investment programme to deliver on decarbonisation strategy ramping up.

Operating earnings (EBITDAF) was down by \$16m when compared to FY22.

¹ Refer to slides 45 for a definition and reconciliation of EBITDAF

² Refer to slides 25 for a reconciliation of operating free cash flow



Contact 26 Our strategy to lead NZ's decarbonisation



Strategic theme

Objective

Grow demand

Attract new industrial demand with globally competitive renewables



Grow renewable development

Build renewable generation and flexibility on the back of new demand



Decarbonise our portfolio

Lead an orderly transition to renewables



Create outstanding customer experiences

Create NZ's leading energy and services brand to meet more of our customers' needs

Enablers

ESG: create long-term value through our strong performance across a broad set of environmental, social and governance factors

Operational excellence:

continuously improving our operations through innovation and digitisation

Transformative ways of working:

create a flexible and high-performing environment for New Zealand's top talent

Outcomes

Growth

Pivot our business to a new growth era that captures the value unlocked by decarbonisation

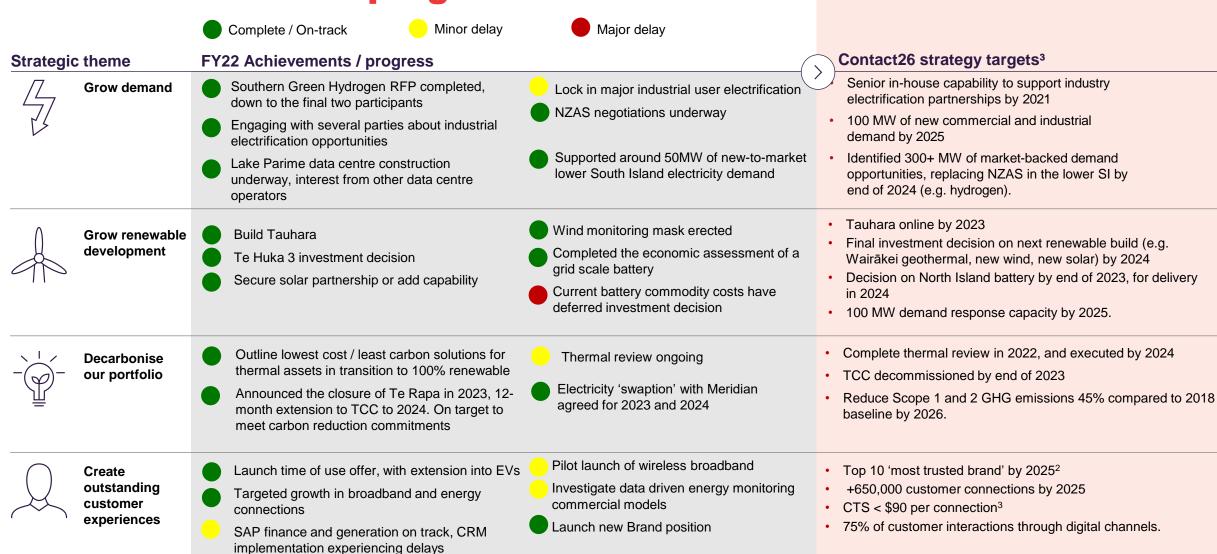
Resilience

Deliver sustainable shareholder returns. aligned with our ESG commitment

Performance

Realise a step-change in performance, materially growing EBITDAF through strategic investments

18 months into strategy execution, we have seen solid progress



- 1. After 2025 (As per Colmar Bunton Rep Track report)
- Set in May 2021
- Rebased for operating cost reclassifications in FY22

Tauhara progress

As expected in the current construction environment there continues to be cost pressures, but there are tradeoff opportunities to further enhance capacity

Tauhara development key metrics

Estimated forward capital expenditure (cash)1



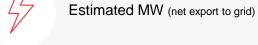


Low carbon resource* 0.05T of C02e/MWh



Estimated cash costs of generation²







Estimated plant capacity factor/ annual generation

95% / ~1.400GWh



Total estimated construction costs related to this phase of development (2008 – 2024)³

\$818m (\$4.9m/MW)



% of production/injection capacity secured

^{* (}Gas CCGT ~9x more, Gas Peaker ~11x more)

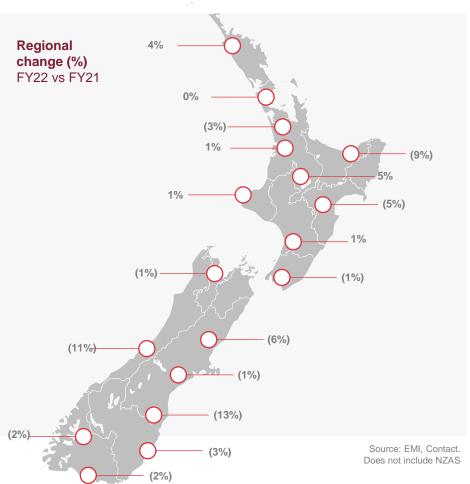
¹ Excluding capitalised interest as at 30 June 2022.

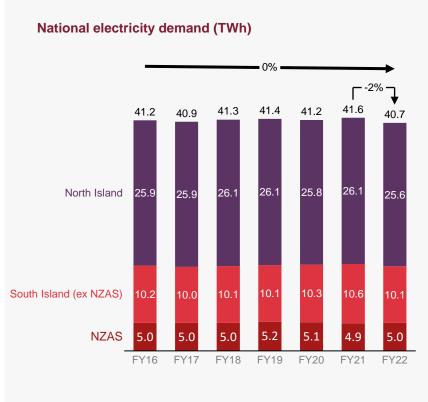
² Includes operating costs, carbon costs and stay-in-business capex (excluding make-up drilling and major mid-life capex replacement)

³ The total addition to PPE on Tauhara commissioning will include ~\$18m capitalised transmission asset, ~\$80m of capitalised interest (\$27m sunk) and \$24m of residual sunk capex related to the next phase of development of the field expected total of \$940m (\$818m + \$18m + \$80m + \$24m)

National electricity demand

Electricity demand lower than FY21





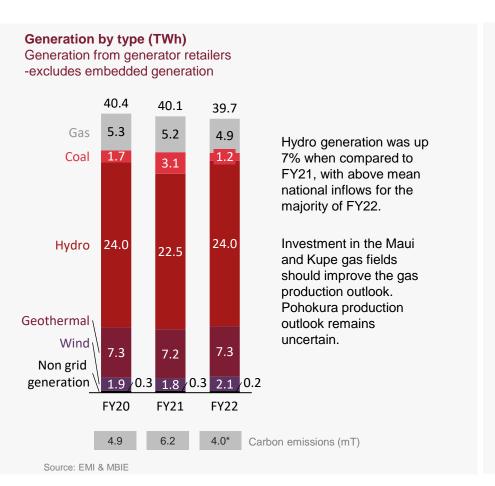
Total national electricity demand decreased by 0.9TWh (-2% from FY21):

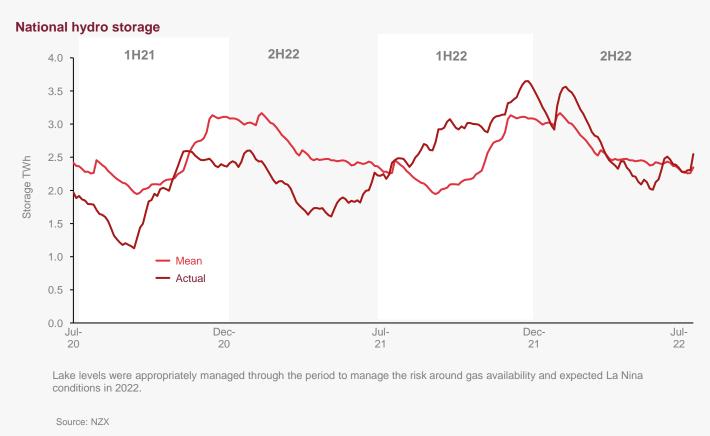
- Demand from large industrial users was down by 0.3TWh, largely as a result of the closure of Norske Skog in June 2021.
- A wetter year than FY21 saw lower irrigation demand at major South Island irrigation demand nodes (-0.3TWh).

Source: EMI. Contact

Hydrology and impact on generation mix

Improved hydro inflows and generation in FY22 saw a reduced reliance on gas and coal

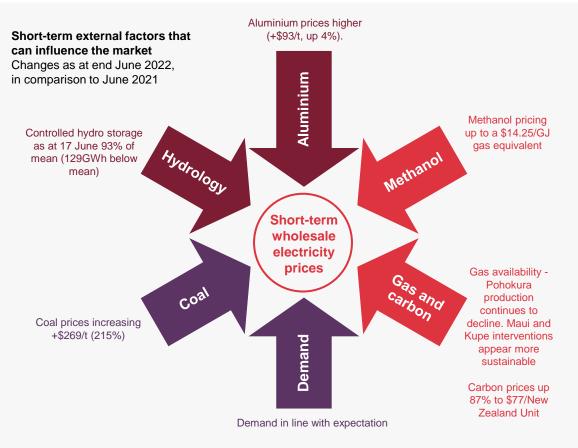


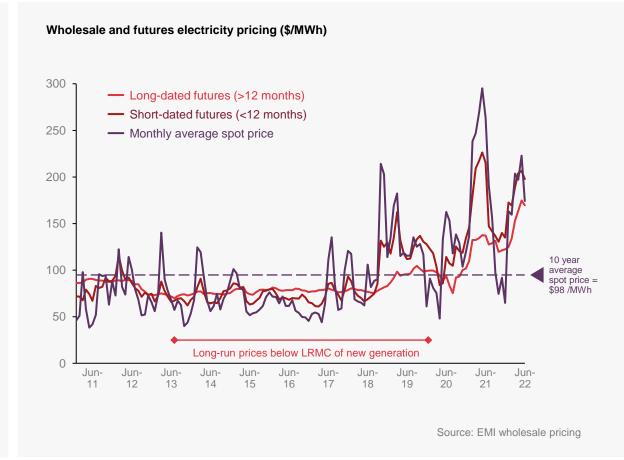


^{*}Carbon emissions for FY22 Apr-Jun quarter has been estimated using historic conversion rates with actual generation data. The reduction in carbon emissions of 2.2mT CO2-e was due to the decrease in coal and gas generation Some generation has been estimated based on prior period operation,

Factors that influence short-term prices, beyond hydrology, sharply higher over last 12 months

Longer-term the market is reacting to these price signals and adding new capacity



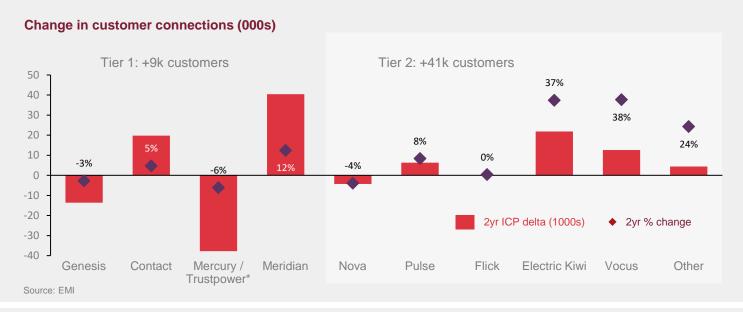


There is currently extreme volatility across commodity markets, driven by a combination of global energy supply and security concerns, exacerbated by the impact of the Russian invasion of Ukraine, with subsequent unprecedented increases in international energy prices including coal, gas and oil. Domestically, gas field outages and high coal and gas prices have contributed to a steep escalation in wholesale electricity prices.

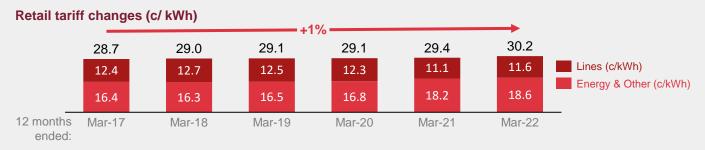
Source: MBIF

Retail competition remains intense

Retailer's long-term view of pricing rides through short-term wholesale input cost volatility



- Competition remains intense, not only from new and disruptive competitors, but reinvigorated incumbents
- While Tier 1 market share continues to decline (84% of connections vs 86% 24 months ago). Both tier 1 and 2 players continue to add connections as household formation has contributed to a ~1% p.a. growth in ICPs
- Mercury purchased the Trustpower retail business in FY22 and are the largest retailer by ICP (26% market share)
- Meridian added another 40k connections over the last two years (16% market share) and Contact (20% market share) followed with an addition of 20k connections overall.
- Electric Kiwi has continued with an additional 21k connections (80k total), followed by Vocus (now 2degrees) 13k connections.

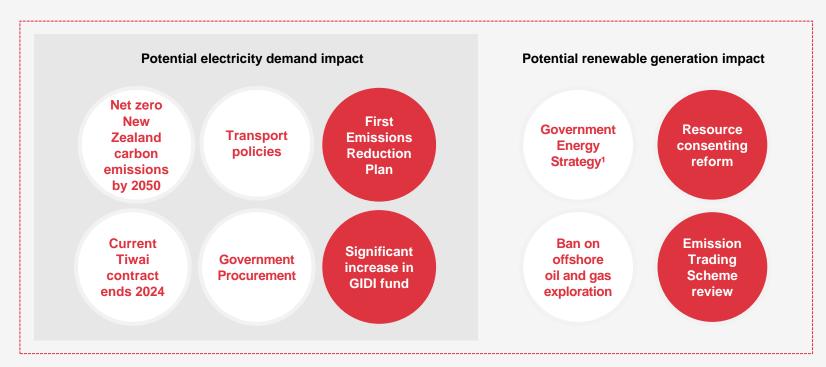


- Despite sharply higher wholesale prices over the last four years, tariffs up by a compound annual growth rate of only 1%.
- Average tariff increases for the last year of 2.7% remain materially below consumer price inflation (>7%)
- Households have been largely insulated from higher wholesale prices because of fixed price residential contracts and retailers' longer-term view of pricing that rides through short-term volatility.
- The real residential cost per unit of electricity has fallen in every year since 2018.

^{*}Mercury completed the purchase of the Trustpower retail business on 1 June 2022. Mercury and Trustpower have been grouped together for the period under review despite being in different ownership.

Climate change and regulation

Bi-partisan support for the New Zealand regulatory framework is being adapted to deliver on this societal imperative.





Society is demanding action on climate change, with clear progress expected.

¹Covering electricity, hydrogen, gas transition, and industry decarbonisation.

² Preliminary findings release, under consultation.

Topical regulatory matters

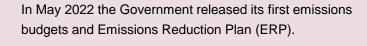
Key themes



Wholesale market volatility

Spot and hedge market prices continue to be higher than long term averages due to coal prices, gas availability and the cost of carbon. This is increasing pressure on unhedged energy intensive industries.

The Electricity Authority (EA) continues to review wholesale electricity market competition for the period 2019-21. Its draft analysis finds that prices have generally reflected underlying supply and demand conditions, however NZAS may be paying below the opportunity cost for energy.



The ERP set a target to achieve 50% of total final energy consumption to come from renewable sources by 2035. It also included a substantial boost to funds to support reducing industrial emissions (GIDI fund) and to increase uptake of Evs (~\$650m)

In July 2022, the Climate Change Commission made recommendations to government on the emissions trading scheme. If accepted these recommendations would likely substantially increase the costs of carbon, and may incentivise greater electrification

What Contact is doing

Contact is exploring further renewable generation opportunities across geothermal, wind, solar to reduce future impacts from thermal fuel volatility.

Contact is working with customers to smooth out pricing volatility through long-term contracts.

Contact is continuing to engage with the EA on the longer-term impacts of market volatility. The sector is now entering a period of intense investment to both decarbonise existing generation and building new generation to meet future demand.

Contact strongly supports the target of reaching 50% of total final energy consumption coming from renewable sources by 2035. We will continue to assess opportunities for renewable energy developments, demand growth, and decarbonisation of process heat, for example by leveraging the expanded GIDI fund.

Contact continues to closely engage in the government's work and assess the strategic opportunities and impacts for Contact.

Contact, along with others in the industry, is funding Boston Consulting Group to independently develop a roadmap for a low carbon energy system in Aotearoa New Zealand.

Contact's risk mitigation tools ensure our carbon purchases will enable a sustainable transition away from thermal generation. In line with our decarbonisation strategy, this should reduce reliance on thermal fuel costs.



Topical regulatory matters

Key themes



Project

The Government is assessing options to address New Zealand's dry year risk with 100% renewable generation. This includes assessing its initially preferred solution of pumped hydro at Lake Onslow.



Covid-19 and the broader economic environment continue to place pressure on New Zealand households and businesses. Contact is actively working to minimise energy hardship.

The Government has established two specialist energy hardship panels to support work to alleviate energy hardship in New Zealand.

What Contact is doing

Contact supports further analysis to address dry year risk. Multiple options exist that will require careful evaluation, including interruptible green hydrogen, interruptible load for other major customers and grid-scale batteries.

Contact released a proposal to develop a ThermalCo which would be a low capital, low cost and low risk solution to accelerate decarbonisation.

Contact has established a dedicated group within our retail business focusing on consumer energy wellbeing.

Contact's tikanga, pricing principles and proactive work with its customers who are struggling to pay their bills has resulted in reduced disconnections and bad debt.

Contact offers a range of payment options including weekly and fortnightly billing, pre-pay and price smoothing products.

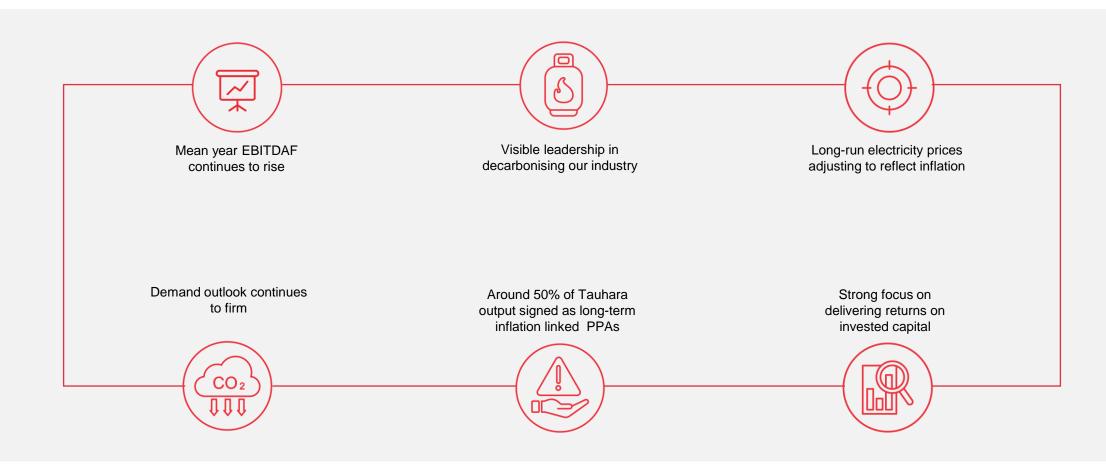
Contact is working with industry through ERANZ on the EnergyMate programme and PowerCredits scheme in association with budget advisors and FinCap.

Financials



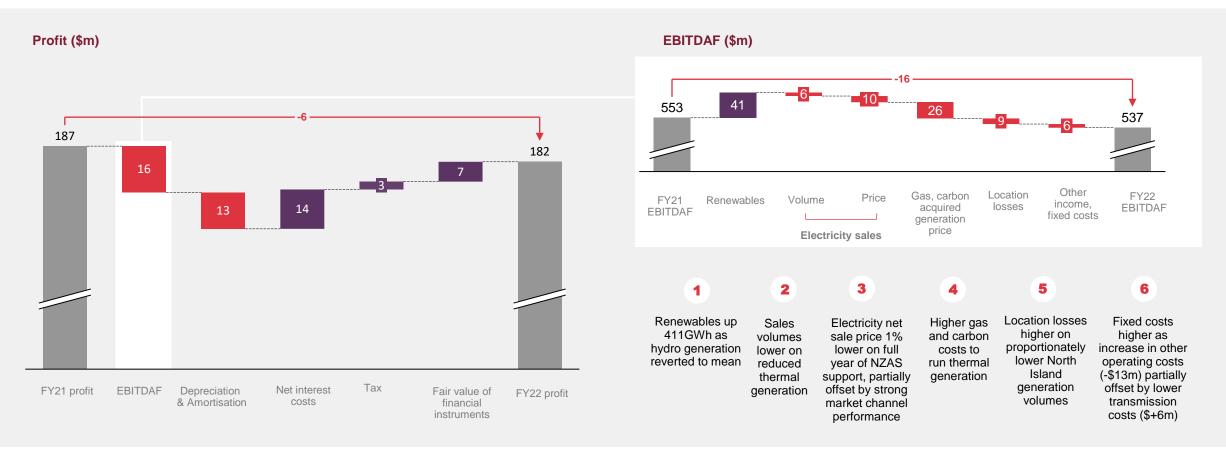
Putting our energy where it matters.

Key themes from the financial results



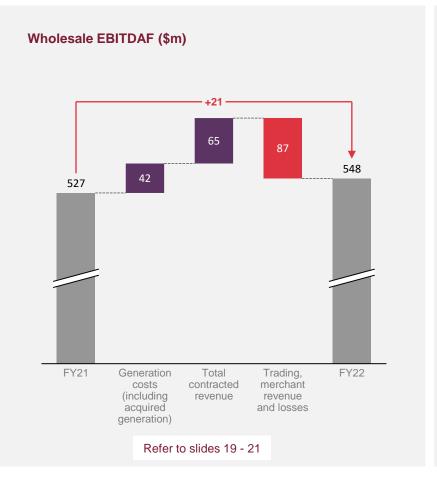
Profit of \$182m, down \$5m

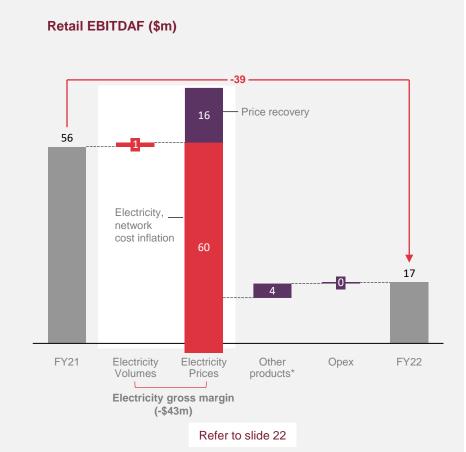
EBITDAF down \$16m, as higher renewable generation offset by rising unit thermal fuel costs and lower wholesale prices than the prior year

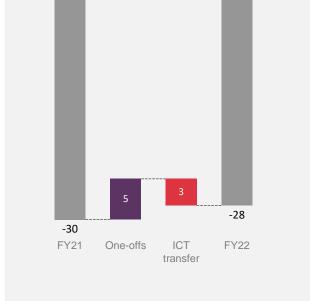


EBITDAF down by \$16m

Business performance by segment







Corporate / unallocated costs (\$m)

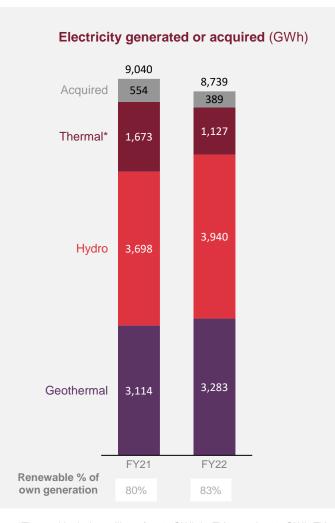
*Other products includes retail gas and broadband gross margins

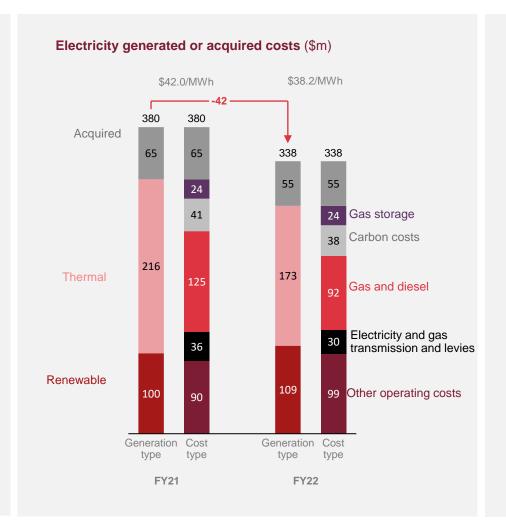
Simply and Western included within Wholesale EBITDAF

ICT costs previously included within the Retail business operating costs. Prior year not restated. One-offs include the Holidays Act provision reversal (\$6.8m) and Contact SaaS and write down of thermal asset development costs

Generation costs

Costs down \$42m (\$3.8/MWh) on higher renewable generation reducing thermal and acquired generation





Hydro generation up 242GWh on FY21 (+7%), 40GWh (+1%) above mean year expectations. Geothermal volumes were 169GWh up on prior year which had the 4-yearly Te Mihi outage (+5%).

 Renewable generation costs were up \$9m on FY21 as a \$10m reduction in operating costs was recognised on the acquisition of Western Energy in FY21.

Thermal generation costs were down by \$43m (-20%) on lower thermal volumes (-33%).

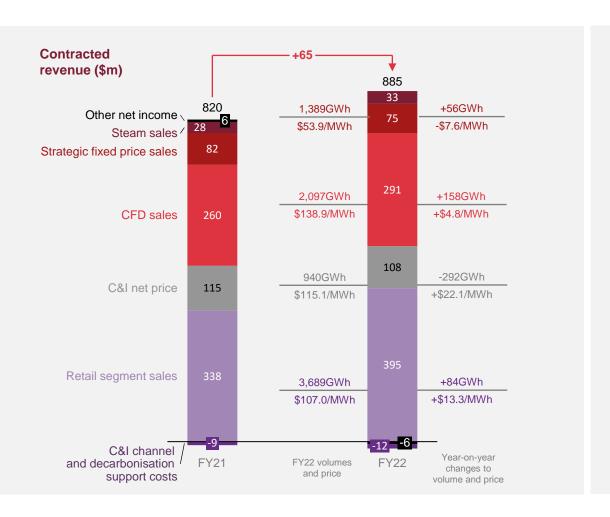
- Thermal fuel costs up from \$95/MWh in FY21 to \$109/MWh (+15%). With gas (FY21 \$8.0/GJ, FY22 \$8.3/GJ) and carbon prices (FY21 \$31/unit, FY22 \$40/unit) higher.
- Electricity and gas transmission costs were down by \$6m on the prior comparative period on higher ACOT revenue, changes to the TCC gas transmission contract and higher HVDC loss rebates.

Acquired generation costs where down by \$10m as wholesale prices were lower in the period offering less ability to sell acquired generation into a higher wholesale spot market (volumes down 165 GWh).

^{*}Thermal includes tolling of ~312GWh in FY21 and ~245GWh FY22

Wholesale contracted revenue

Diversified mix of long-term and ASX linked sales channels

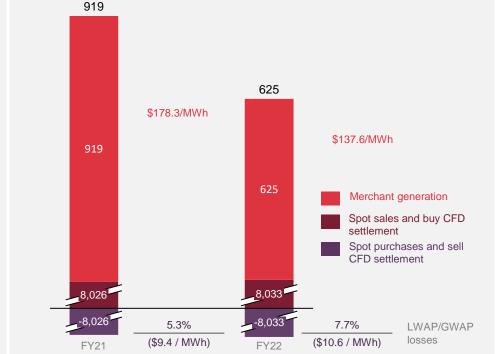


- Fixed price variable volume electricity sales to the Retail segment and C&I customers ended 208GWh lower than FY21 (-\$19m), this was offset by higher prices (+\$70m), reflecting higher wholesale prices over the three preceding years.
- Strategic fixed price sales were 56GWh higher than FY21 (+\$3m), lower NZAS pricing was offset by an increase in sales to customers under long-term PPAs (-\$11m).
- CFD sales volumes were up by 158GWh (+\$21m) as nearer term higher priced channels were prioritised at higher average prices (+\$10m).
- Steam revenue was up \$5m on FY21 with steam tariffs on Te Rapa generation rising with carbon costs changes.
- Operating costs to support commercial and industrial customers higher as capability added to support decarbonisation and a closer customer relationship and a full year of acquired Simply Energy operating costs.
- Other income was \$12m lower predominantly due market making losses in FY22 (FY22: -\$10m, FY21- nil)

Wholesale trading and merchant revenue

Long / short position (GWh)

Trading EBITDAF (\$m) 88 1 164 86 -76 -85 FY21 FY22 **Trading revenue** Merchant sales: short-term sales channel available when the spot prices exceed the opportunity cost of Contact generation. LWAP / GWAP losses: locational price differences between where electricity is generated and purchased.

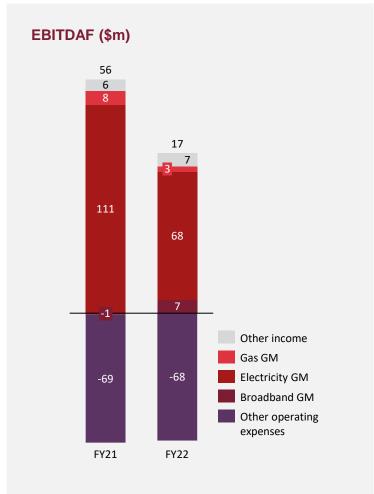


- 294GWh decrease in merchant sales volumes. The price received for this "long" generation was down by \$40.7/MWh on FY21.
- Inter-island separation increased from 5% to 8%, this was partially offset by lower absolute prices. The cost of generation losses increased by \$9m.

Retail business performance

Managing through elevated wholesale input costs while growing market share through multi-product strategy

D	FY21	FY22		Variance	
Revenue & Tariff ¹ (\$m)	\$m	\$m	Tariff ¹	\$m	Tariff
Electricity gross revenue	841	872	253	32	5
PPD not taken	5	3		(2)	
Incentives paid	(5)	(5)		0	
Net revenue (cash)	841	871	253	30	4
Capitalised incentives	7	5		(2)	
Amortised incentives	(9)	(6)		3	
Net revenue (P&L)	838	869	252	31	5
Gas revenue	74	82	29	8	3
Broadband revenue	32	53	70	20	2
Other income	6	7		1	
Total revenue	951	1,011		60	
Contract Asset (closing)	9	7		(2)	
# of connections (closing)	523k	574k		51k	
Cost to serve/connection ²	(\$134)	(\$123)		+\$11	



Continue to smooth the impact of higher electricity costs for customers:

- Electricity net price at ICP improved by 1% from FY21 with targeted retail price rises partially offset by increased network and meter costs.
- Total electricity gross margins decreased by 39% driven by elevated wholesale electricity costs over the past 3 years.
- Retail energy tariffs will need to rise to reflect elevated wholesale electricity, gas & carbon costs.

The electricity tariff changes balance the recovery of rising input costs, the competitive environment and regulatory pressures:

- Around 60% of customers received a price increase in the last 12 months.
- Electricity connection growth of 25k, and multiproduct customers up 21k on prior year.

Strong growth in Broadband connections (+20k up on FY21, now at 71k). Average revenue per connection has increased by 3%, and standalone gross margin contribution of \$7m (FY21: -\$1m).

Cost to serve – continued focus on operational efficiency through leveraging data and digital investments driving further reductions in cost to serve per connection.

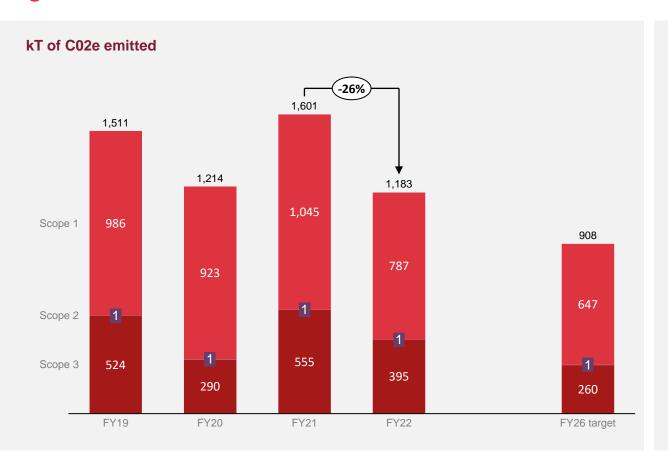
Gross Margin (GM) is Revenue less Cost of Goods [Networks, meters, levies, energy, carbon and broadband]

^{1.} Tariff is \$/MWh for electricity, \$/GJ for gas and \$ per month per customer connection for broadband

During FY22 metering costs of \$13m, which were previously in operating costs to serve were
reclassified into networks meters and levies (COGS) to better reflect the nature of the costs.
Comparisons have been restated

Greenhouse gas reporting

Lower carbon emissions reflects higher renewable generation and lower thermal and acquired generation, on target to achieve 2026 SBTi commitments



Performance

Total scope 1,2 and 3 emissions were 418 kT lower in FY22.

- Emissions from generation (Scope 1) were lower in FY22 as a result of higher renewable generation volumes and lower sales.
- Scope 3 emissions 160 kT lower.
 - Higher capital goods emissions due to Tauhara construction build has been offset by significantly less swaption emissions due to less swaption exercised in the year compared to FY21.

Operating costs flat despite acquisitions, strong performance and cost pressures



Other operating costs

 All costs associated with meters are now reflected in Cost of Goods (Network, Meters and Levies) to align with industry reporting. Previously a portion of smart meter costs were included in other operating costs to provide comparability to prior periods where there were higher manual meter reading costs.

Portfolio performance and non-recurring

- Holidays Act provision released in FY22 post successful Metro Glass appeal, partially offset by accounting adjustments related to software as a service (SaaS), write down of thermal development costs and prior year one off provision reduction for well restoration.
- Full 12 months of operating costs acquired as part of the strategic transactions of Western Energy (April 21) and Simply Energy (September 20).
- Incentive costs are lower with assessment of a broad range of KPIs beyond financial performance.

Underlying movement

 General inflation of over 6% impacts general operating costs, cost efficiency achieved through digital investments in customer servicing efficiency and broadband provisioning

Growth

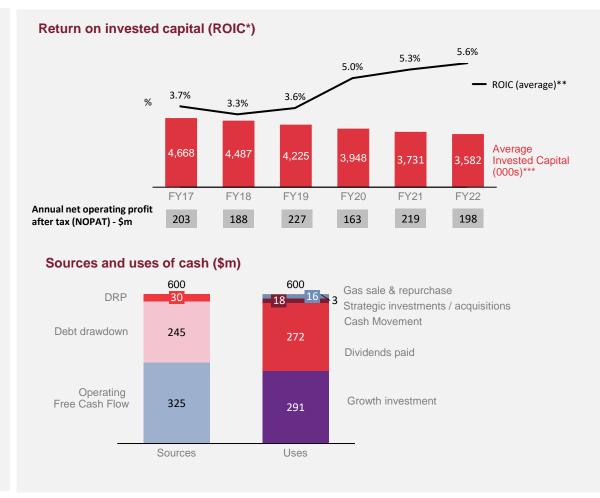
- \$2m incremental investment in retail connection growth
- Operating costs to deliver on strategic growth priorities.

Cash flow and capital expenditure

Underlying cash conversion for FY22 impacted by lower EBITDAF, higher tax paid and higher SIB capex

	12 months ended 30 June 2022	12 months ended 30 June 2021	Comparison against FY21	
EBITDAF	\$537m	\$553m	\downarrow	(\$16m)
Working capital changes	(\$17m)	\$3m	\downarrow	(\$20m)
Tax paid	(\$89m)	(\$79m)	\downarrow	(\$10m)
Interest paid, net of interest capitalised	(\$28m)	(\$43m)	↑	\$15m
SIB capital expenditure	(\$75m)	(\$61m)	\downarrow	(\$14m)
Non-cash items included in EBITDAF	(\$3m)	(\$2m)	\downarrow	\$1m
Operating free cash flow	\$325m	\$371m	\downarrow	\$46m
Operating free cash flow per share	41.8cps	50.2cps	\downarrow	8.4cps
Cash conversion (OpFCF / EBITDAF)	60%	67%	\downarrow	6%

- EBITDAF down \$16m on lower wholesale electricity prices and the rising gas and carbon unit costs, which were partially offset by more renewable generation
- Working capital changes \$20m unfavourable to FY21 tied to decrease in payables on FY21 payment of short term incentives and subsequent changes to scheme and timing of carbon purchases
- Stay-in-business capital expenditure (cash) of \$75m with higher spending expected the next 5
 years to support higher asset availability and output as well as an SAP systems upgrade



^{*} For details underpinning the calculation of ROIC see slide 38

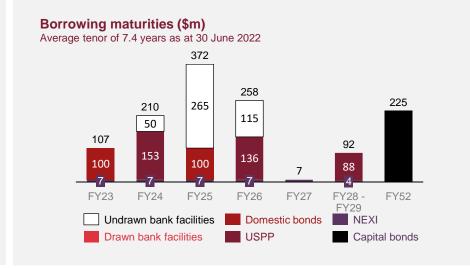
^{**} NOPAT (4-year average) / Average IC (average of the 4-year average)

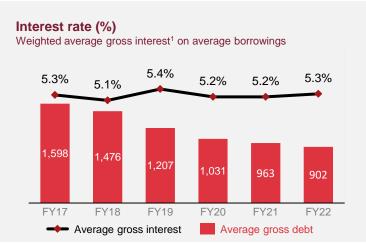
^{***} Average invested capital (opening + closing balance)/2

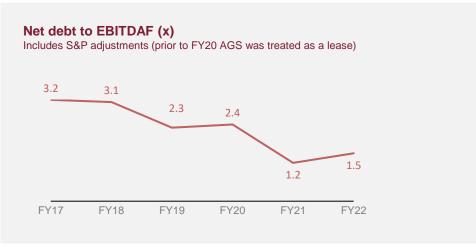
Strong balance sheet

Green debt portfolio with capacity to support the Contact26 strategy









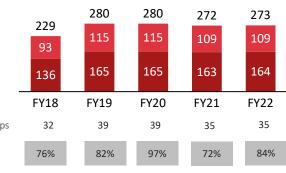
- Face value of borrowings (excl. leases) increased by \$251m to \$1,025m from 30 June 2021. This is due to the issuance of \$225m of capital bonds replacing \$150m of maturing retail bonds in November 21, and increased use of the CP program. The Tauhara geothermal power station construction has driven the increase in debt levels.
- Net debt has reduced by \$657m since the end of FY17. Gearing increased to 23.5% at 30 June 2022, up from 22.6% at 30 June 2021.
- The average interest rate on gross debt has increased slightly from FY21 due to the increase in the interest rates for the floating rate portion of the debt portfolio.
- A credit rating of BBB (net debt / EBITDAF
 <2.8x) continues to be targeted.
- All bank facilities are sustainability linked loans, and all debt instruments are certified green.

^{1.} Gross interest includes all interest on borrowings, bank commitment fees and deferred financing costs. Unwind of leases, provisions and capitalised interest not included.

Dividend for FY22 in line with performance

Ordinary dividends (\$m)

Declared

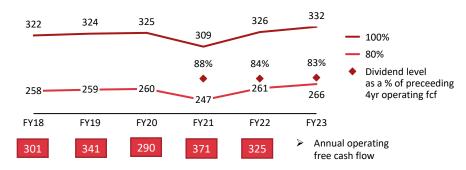


% pay-out of annual operating free cash flow



Operating free cash flow

Average operating cash flow for the preceding four financial years



Dividend policy range: 80-100% of average operating free cash flow for the preceding four years

Dividend for FY22 of 35 cents per share

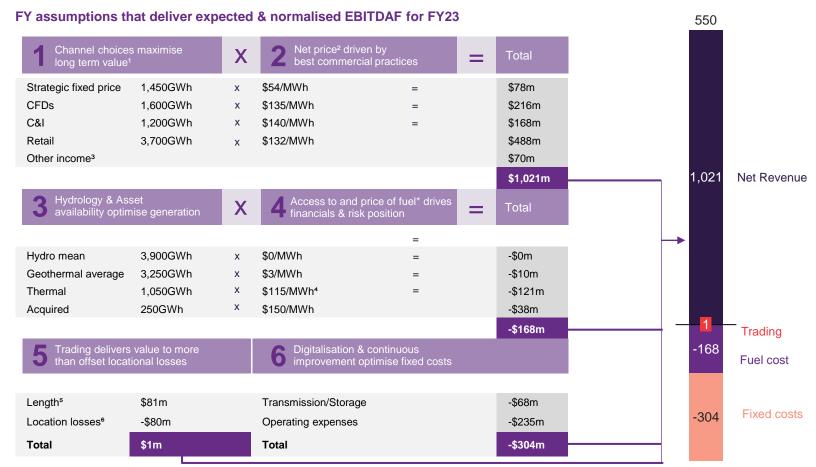
- Final dividend of 21 cents per share is imputed to 90% or 19 cents per share for qualifying shareholders.
 This represents a pay-out of 84% of FY22 operating free cash flow per share and 84% of the operating free cash flow over the preceding 4 financial years (FY18-FY21)
- The dividend policy is to pay-out between 80-100% of average operating free cash flow of the preceding four years.
- Record date of 9 September 2022; payment date of 27 September 2022.
- The NZD/AUD exchange rate used for the payment of Australian dollar dividends will be set on 16 September 2022.

Dividend reinvestment plan (DRP)

- Shareholders will have the option of full, partial or no participation. If a shareholder elects to participate, they will remain in the plan at the same participation level until they elect to terminate or amend their participation level.
- For this dividend, there will be no discount offered for the FY22 final dividend and Contact will have the right to terminate or suspend the plan at any time.
- Dividend reinvestment plan application forms must be in by 12 September 2022 to confirm participation in the plan.
- Trading period for setting price for DRP is 8 September 2022 to 14 September 2022. DRP strike price will be announced: 16 September 2022

Normalised and expected FY23 EBITDAF assumptions





^{1.} All volumes are at the Grid Exit Point (GXP)

^{2.} Net price is equal to tariff less pass-through costs (network, meters and levies) /MWh

^{3.} Steam sales, retail gas gross margin, other income

^{4.} Gas price of \$7.9/GJ, carbon price of \$50/unit and thermal portfolio heat rate (11.2GJ/MWh)

^{5.} Length of 500GWh p.a. assumed

Locational losses of 6.7% on spot purchases and settlement of CFDs sold at a wholesale price of \$150/MWh

[·] Fuel is natural gas and carbon costs

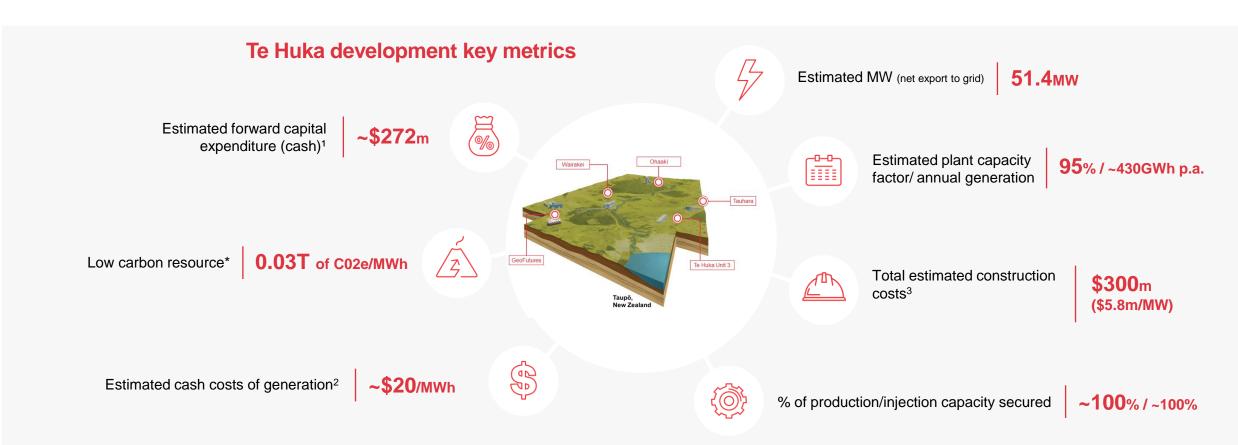
^{**} Retail volume contracted, competitive risk remains on pricing achieved (FY22 \$125.5/MWh)

Progress on Strategy



Te Huka investment

Contact is investing to deliver renewable energy



^{* (}Gas CCGT ~15x more, Gas Peaker ~18x more)

¹ Excluding capitalised interest as at 30 June 2022.

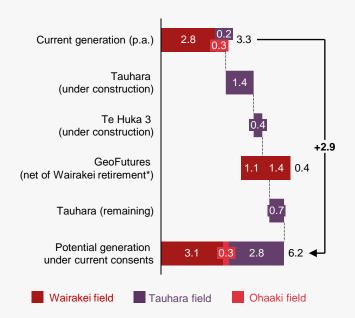
² Includes operating costs, carbon costs and stay-in-business capex (excluding make-up drilling and major mid-life capex replacement)

³ Excludes finance leases and capitalized interest (estimated ~\$13m). \$28m of project costs spent by 30 June 2022.

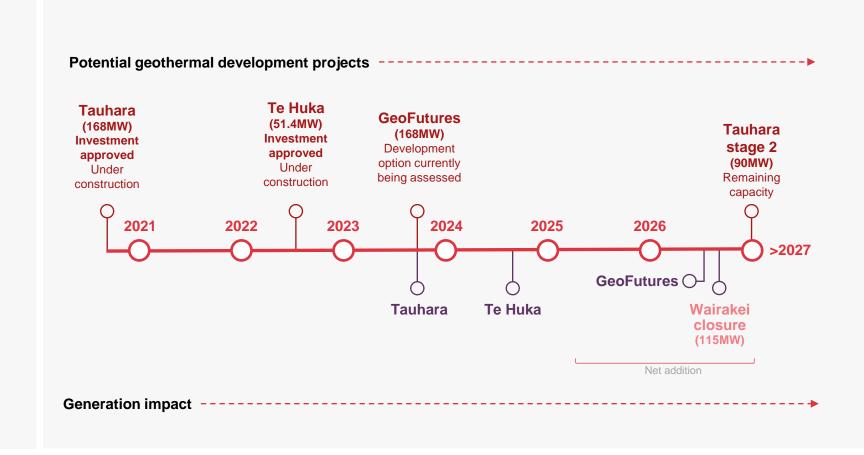
Market leading development pipeline

In line with core markets and capability

Geothermal generation potential (TWh p.a.)

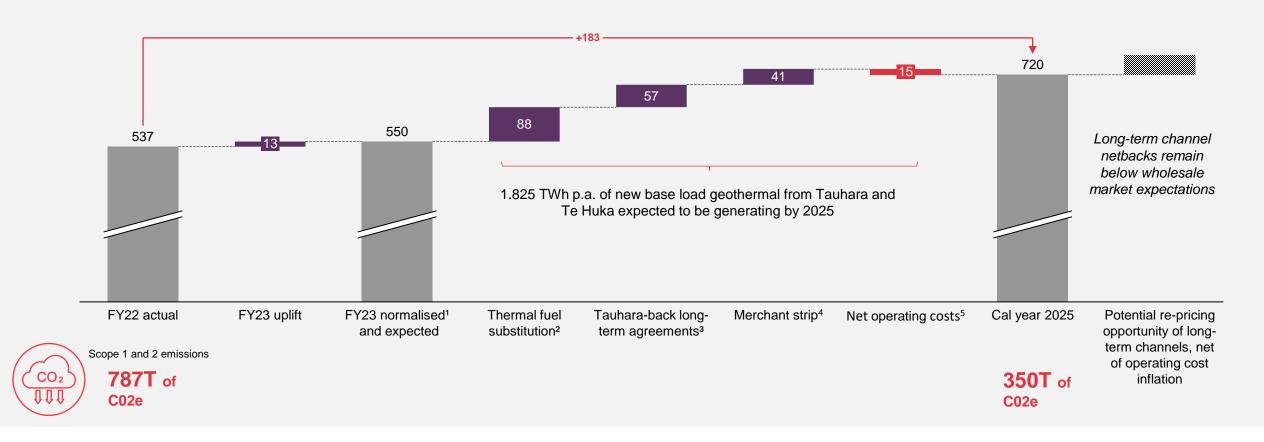


Geothermal field responses to extraction and injection will determine the ultimate geothermal generation potential beyond current consents.



^{*}Expected enthalpy decline at Wairakei is expected to be offset through continuous improvement projects

Contact indicative EBITDAF after completion of announced investment programme



¹ See slide 28 for assumptions underpinning assumptions for FY23 normalised and expected earnings

² Substitution of around 875GWh of thermal generation from TCC and Te Rapa at the expected FY23 fuel cost of \$115/MWh less net revenue from Fonterra linked to Te Rapa (steam and electricity sales)

³ Expected revenue from long-term PPA electricity sales already signed

⁴ Additional sales above the FY23 contracted position (250GWh) at the 2025 ASX average price of \$162/MWh (as at 11 August 2022)

⁵ Geothermal operating costs for new stations net of reduction in operating costs following the closure of thermal assets

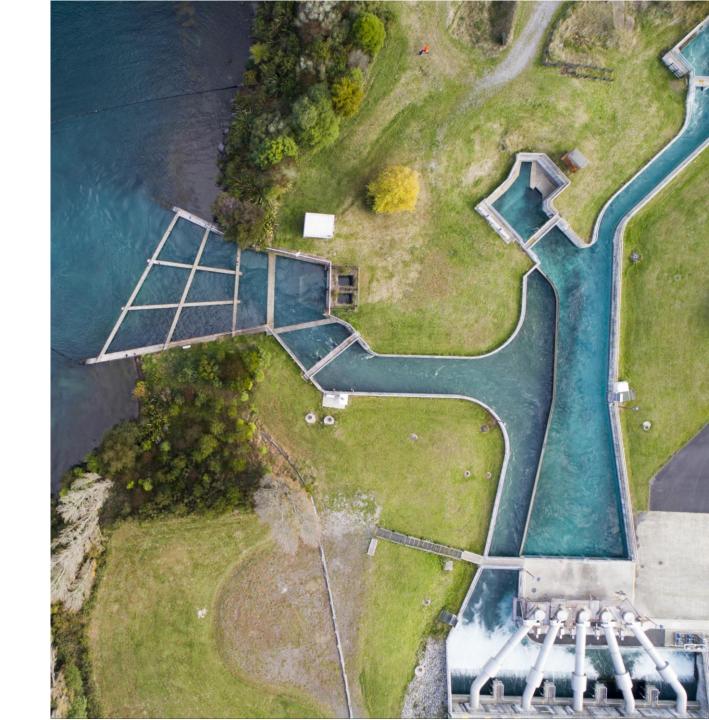
Our operational plan: What you can expect in the next 12 months

Strategic theme	FY23	
Grow Demand	Decision of hydrogen export Enable the build of data centres Commence boiler electrification	Western Energy – invest in new coil tubing drilling
Grow renewable development	Tauhara build (cont.) Te Huka 3 build commences Secure consents for Wairakei post 2026 Commence solar and wind consenting	Progress GeoFutures development to FID Roxburgh turbine replacement Hydro transformers installed
Decarbonise our portfolio	Complete thermal review Prepare for end of TCC scheduled hours Te Rapa closure	
Create outstanding customer experiences	Customer technology upgrade (cont.) Launch of Electric Vehicle product Roll out of an additional adjacency product	

Questions



Supporting materials



Normalised and expected EBITDAF assumptions

With reconciliation to actual performance

FY22 assumptions that deliver expected & normalised EBITDAF of \$520m over a financial year

Net price² driven by Channel choices maximise Total best commercial practices long term value1 Strategic fixed price 1,000GWh \$38/MWh \$38m **CFDs** 1.660GWh \$139/MWh \$231m C&I 1.600GWh \$104/MWh \$166m Retail 3,550GWh \$126/MWh \$446m** Other income³ \$50m \$931m Hydrology & Asset Access to and price of fuel* drives Total availability optimise generation financials & risk position Hydro mean 3,900GWh \$0/MWh -\$0m 3,250GWh \$2/MWh Geothermal average -\$7m Thermal 800GWh \$123/MWh4 -\$98m Acquired 300GWh \$131/MWh -\$39m -\$144m Trading delivers value to more Digitalisation & continuous than offset locational losses improvement optimise fixed costs Lenath⁵ \$58m Transmission/Storage -\$60m Location losses⁶ -\$57m Operating expenses -\$208m** Total \$1m **Total** -\$268m

EBITDAF reconciliation to FY22

Normalised & Expected

Higher renewables

Renewable generation above mean (+73GWh) saw less thermal generation at expected thermal SRMC

Gas, carbon and acquired generation costs Achieved a better heat rate by prioritising TCC over the

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Electricity sales volume (net of thermal)

While sales volumes were higher than guidance the thermal costs to support this position were higher than the average sales price achieved

Electricity sales price

Achieved sales price up by \$1.2/MWh vs guidance with a higher proportion of sales to market channels

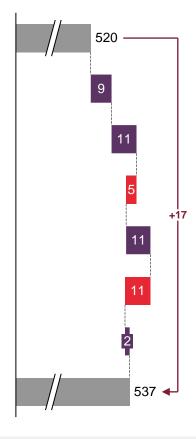
Location losses

Volatile hydrology saw a wet South Island in 1H vs mean increasing losses and a higher generation volumes

Fixed costs and other income

Strong steam sales and lower transmission costs partially offset by larger market making losses

Actual



^{1.} All volumes are at the Grid Exit Point (GXP)

Net price is equal to tariff less pass-through costs (network, meters and levies) /MWh

^{3.} Steam sales, retail gas gross margin, broadband gross margin and other income

^{4.} Gas price of \$8.4/GJ, carbon price of \$37/unit and thermal portfolio heat rate (11.4GJ/MWh)

^{5.} Length of 220GWh p.a. assumed

Locational losses of 5.6% on spot purchases and settlement of CFDs sold at a wholesale price of \$125/MWh

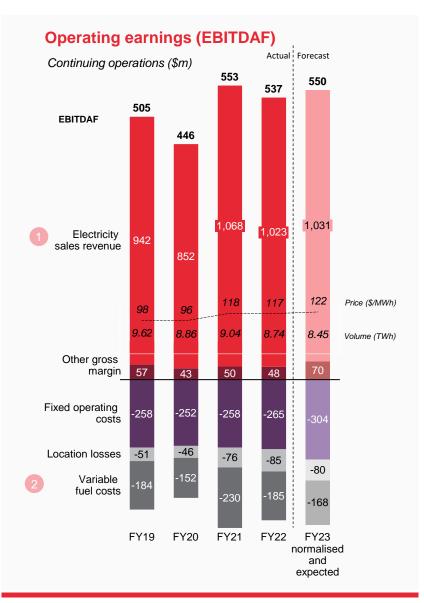
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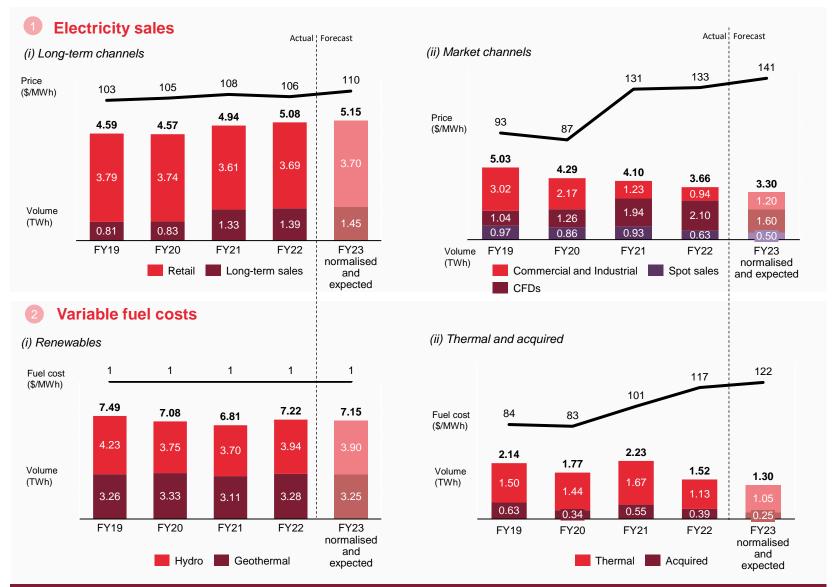
^{**} Metering costs have been restated: Previously included in other operating costs now in Networks, Meters and Levies. Impact: Other operating costs \$12m favourable, retail net price \$12m unfavourable

Guidance below EBITDAF

	FY22 guidance	FY22 result	FY23 guidance	Commentary
Stay in business capital expenditure (cash)	\$88-98m	\$75m	\$88-\$98m	Sustainable SIB capex remains \$65m p.a. An additional \$100m SIB capex above this level is expected between FY22-27 to support higher asset availability and output as well as the SAP system upgrade.
Growth capital expenditure (cash)	n/a	\$291m	\$465m - \$565m	Growth capital for Tauhara and Te Huka.
Depreciation and amortisation	\$265 – 275m	\$262m		Lower thermal asset depreciation to reflect the Te Rapa asset that is held for sale and an additional year of TCC operation into 2024.
Net interest (accounting)	\$30 – 40m	\$36m	\$30 – 40m	
Cash interest (in operating cash flow)	\$20 – 30m	\$28m	\$10 – 20m	Capitalisation of interest to growth capital projects (Tauhara and Te Huka).
Cash taxation	\$85 – 95m	\$89m	\$110 = 120m	FY23 provisional payments based on higher FY21 results (FY22 provisional tax payments based on FY20).
Corporate costs	\$28m	\$28m	3470	FY22 one-time benefits, inflation, and additional capacity and capability added to accelerate the delivery of the strategy.
Target ordinary dividend per share	35 cps	35 cps	35 cps	Pay-out in line with dividend policy (40% interim / 60% final)

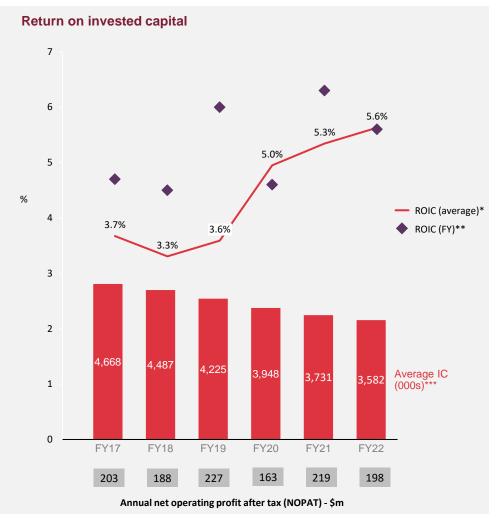
Integrated portfolio performance

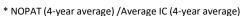




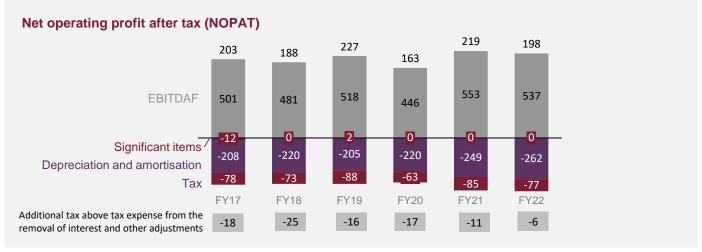
Return on invested capital

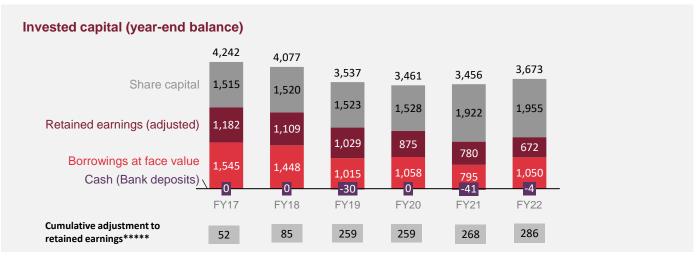
Focus on improving returns on invested capital through the medium term capex programme





^{**} NOPAT (FY)/Average IC (FY)





^{****} Tax for NOPAT does not include the benefit of interest deductibility in the reported current tax payment

^{***} Invested capital (opening + closing balance)/2

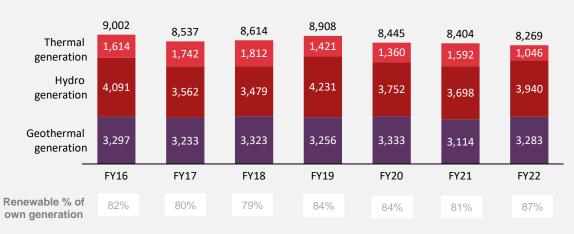
^{*****} Adjustments to retained earnings for profit on sale of assets and businesses, FV movement of financial instruments, these adjustments cumulatively cover the period FY13 to FY22.

Greenhouse gas emissions

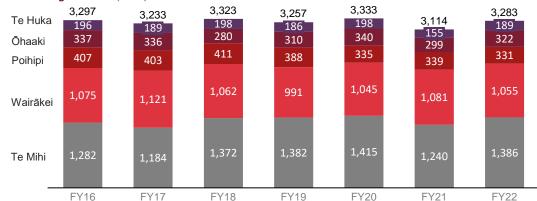
Indicator	Unit	Target	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22
Direct GHG emissions (Scope 1)	tC02e	45% reduction of 2018	985,905	920,403	1,044,744	786,842
- Stationary combustion	tC02e	Scope 1 and 2 emissions	984,903	920,403	1,044,537	786,544
- Mobile combustion	tC02e	by 2026 (Absolute emissions reduction	880	270	178	297
- Fugitive emissions	tC02e	target)	122	4	29	1
Indirect GHG emissions (Scope 2)	tC02e		1,374	1,258	1,303	1,399
Sub-total Scope 1 and 2	tC02e	647,443	987,279	921,935	1,046,047	788,241
Indirect GHG emissions (Scope 3)	tC02e	259,118	524,314	317,384	555,035	394,784
- Category 1 – Purchased goods and services	tC02e		35,267	39,397	16,699	6,371
- Category 2 – Capital goods	tC02e		6,536	18,052	41,726	57,876
- Category 3 – Fuel and energy	tC02e		175,811	91,857	330,207	149,743
- Category 4 - Upstream distribution and transportation	tC02e	30% reduction of 2018 Scope 3 GHG emissions	628	14	27	444
- Category 5 – Waste	tC02e	from use of sold products by 2026.	148	123	149	108
- Category 6 – Business travel	tC02e	by 2020.	1,256	719	263	567
- Category 7 – Employee commuting	tC02e		514	606	306	832
- Category 11 – Use of sold products	tC02e		301,640	166,310	165,259	178,554
- Category 13 – Downstream leased assets	tC02e		445	306	399	289
- Category 14 – Franchise	tC02e		2,069			
Total Scope 1,2 and 3 emissions	tC02e	906,561	1,511,081	1,239,319	1,601,082	1,183,025

Generation and sales position





Geothermal generation (GWh)



Geothermal generation was 169GWh higher than FY21. FY21 had the 4-yearly statutory Te Mihi outage and an extended outage required on process safety improvements required at the Te Huka binary plant.

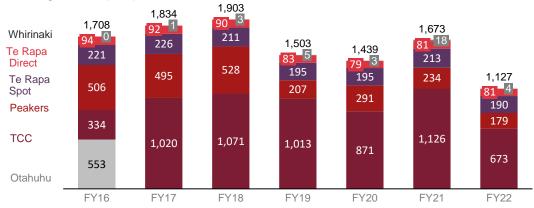
Hydro generation (GWh)

Inflows stored include uncontrolled storage lakes



Hydro generation was 40GWh above mean (3,900GWh) in FY22, 242GWh higher than FY21. Inflows were consistent throughout the period which limited spill.

Thermal generation (GWh)

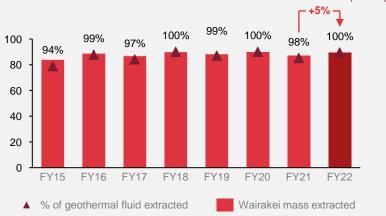


Thermal generation volumes were 546GWh lower than FY21 as a result of the strong renewable generation and low wholesale prices.

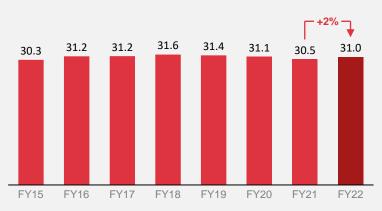
Plant and fuel performance

Geothermal fuel performance

Geothermal fuel extracted at Wairākei vs consented (GWh)



Wairākei, Poihipi and Te Mihi conversion effectiveness (MWh per kT extracted)



Plant availability

Hydro

		Net Availabil		Capacity	Electricity	Pool revenue	
		capacity (MW)	y (%)	factor (%)	output (GWh)	(\$/MWh)	(\$m)
FY	18	784	95%	51%	3,479	78	271
FY	19	784	97%	62%	4,231	123	521
FY	20	784	92%	54%	3,752	90	338
FY	21	784	84%	54%	3,698	167	617
FY	22	784	83%	57%	3939	121	478

Taranaki combined cycle (TCC)

	Net	Availability	Capacity	Electricity	Pool revenue		
	capacity (MW)	(%)	factor (%)	output (GWh)	(\$/MWh)	(\$m)	
FY18	377	6	32%	1,071	102	110	
FY19	377	63%	31%	1,031	115	117	
FY20	377	88%	26%	870	120	104	
FY21	377	89%	34%	1,126	193	217	
FY22	377	84%	20%	672	180	121	

Te Rapa (spot generation only)

	Net	Availability	Capacity		Pool revenue		
	capacity ^(%) factor (MW) (%)	factor (%)	output (GWh)	(\$/MWh)	(\$m)		
FY18	41	87%	59%	211	94	20	
FY19	41	96%	54%	195	160	31	
FY20	41	98%	51%	184	106	21	
FY21	41	93%	58%	208	174	37	
FY22	41	95%	54%	195	145	28	

Geothermal

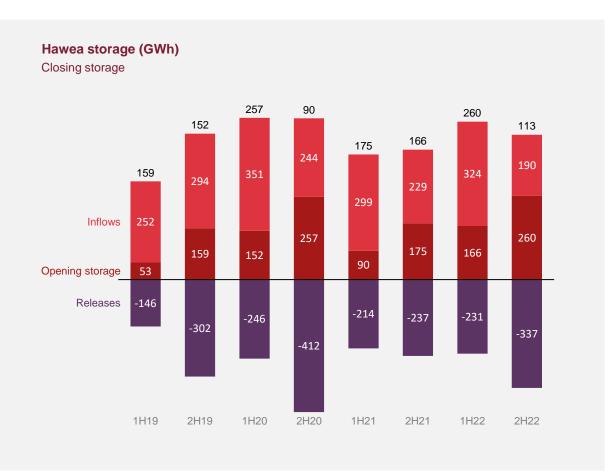
	Net	Availability	Capacity factor	Electricity	Pool revenue	
	capacity (MW)	(70)	(%)	output (GWh)	(\$/MWh)	(\$m)
FY18	425	96%	89%	3,323	80	267
FY19	425	92%	87%	3,256	133	434
FY20	425	95%	89%	3,333	99	330
FY21	425	89%	84%	3,114	175	546
FY22	425	97%	91%	3,284	140	458

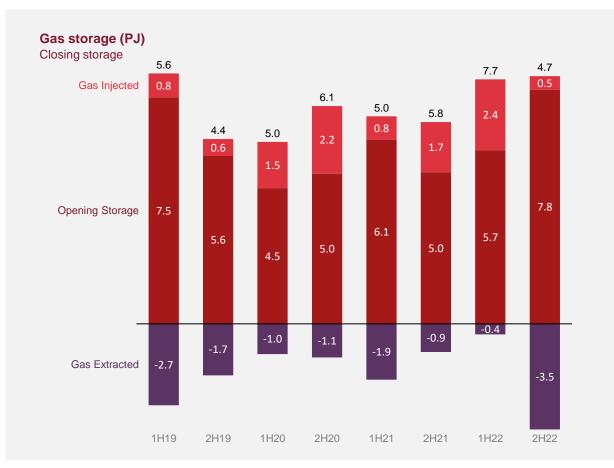
Peakers (including Whirinaki)

	Net	Availability	Capacity	Electricity	Pool revenue	
	capacity (MW)	(70)	factor (%)			(\$m)
FY18	360	87%	17%	530	116	62
FY19	360	79%	7%	212	192	41
FY20	360	88%	9%	295	162	48
FY21	360	92%	8%	249	230	54
FY22	360	71%	6%	179	220	40

Operational data

Fuel storage movements

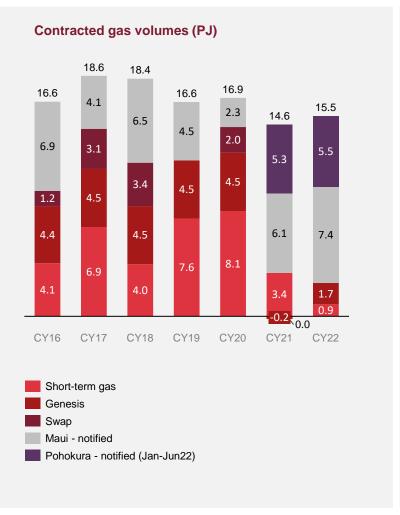


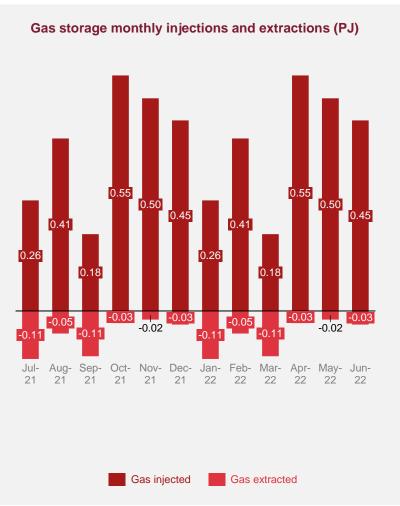


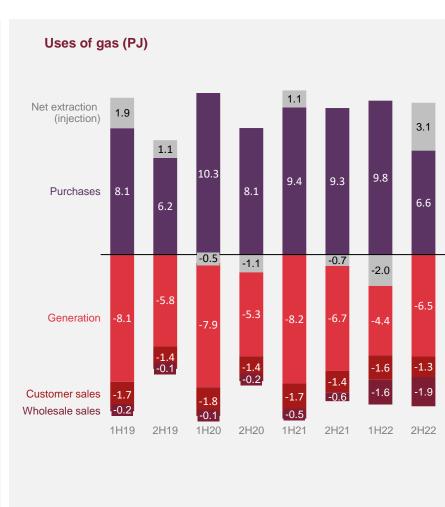
In late 2021 we were notified of an unexpected and unexplained increase in pressure recorded in the Ahuroa Gas Storage Facility (AGS) by the owner and operator of the facility, FlexGas. In conjunction with FlexGas, we will be assessing the potential implications of this on our contractual rights over the next several months. We will support a prudent operating regime and will adapt our injection into the facility to maintain appropriate facility pressures. In a fuel short market, this is not expected to have any financial impact.

Source: NZX hydro

Contracted and stored gas







Storage balance at 30 June 2022 was 4.7PJs

Reconciliation between Profit and EBITDAF

EBITDAF is Contact's earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation, and changes in fair value of financial instruments.

EBITDAF is commonly used in the electricity industry so provides a comparable measure of Contact's performance.

Reconciliation of statutory profit back to EBITDAF:

	12 months ended	12 months ended	Variance on prior year		
	30 June 2022	30 June 2021	\$m	%	
Profit	182	187	(5)	(1%)	
Depreciation and amortisation	262	249	13	5%	
Change in fair value of financial instruments	(14)	(7)	(7)	(100%)	
Net interest expense	36	50	(14)	(28%)	
Tax expense	71	74	(3)	(4%)	
EBITDAF	537	553	(16)	(3%)	

Depreciation and amortisation, change in fair value of financial instruments, net interest and tax expense are explained on the right.

The adjustments from EBITDAF to reported profit and movements on FY21 are as follows:

- Depreciation and amortisation: Increased by \$13m (5%) on FY21 primarily resulting from acceleration of depreciation for aspects of SAP due to SAP upgrade project.
- Net interest expense: Reduced by \$14m (28%)
 with lower average borrowings post 2021 equity
 raise as well as the capitalisation of interest relating
 to the Tauhara geothermal project.
- Tax expense for the period decreasing by \$3m following lower operating earnings. Higher depreciation offset by lower net interest expense. Tax expense for FY22 represents an effective tax rate of 28%. The effective tax rate for FY21 was 28%.

Historical financial information

	Unit	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22
Revenue	\$m	2,275	2,519	2,073	2,573	2,387
Expenses	\$m	1,794	2,001	1,622	2,020	1,850
EBITDAF	\$m	481	518	446	553	537
Profit	\$m	132	345	125	187	182
Operating free cash flow	\$m	305	301	341	290	325
Operating free cash flow per share	cps	42.6	42	47.5	40.4	41.8
Dividends declared	cps	26	32	39	39	35
Total assets	\$m	5,311	4,954	4,896	5,028	5,166
Total liabilities	\$m	2,584	2,172	2,275	2,101	2,326
Total equity	\$m	2,727	2,782	2,621	2,927	2,840
Gearing ratio ¹	%	35	28	31	23	23

¹ Gearing ratio is calculated as: Senior debt - including finance lease liabilities/(Senior debt - including finance lease liabilities + Equity)

Wholesale segment

	1	FY22			FY21		Reference number for
		onths ended 30 Ju	ine 2022		onths ended 30 J	une 2021	Wholesale segment
	Volume	GWAP		Volume	GWAP		note (see following
Note: this table has not been rounded and might not add	GWh	\$/MWh	\$m	GWh	\$/MWh	\$m	page)
Electricity sales to Retail segment	3,689	107.0	395	3,605	93.7	338	1
Electricity sales to C&I (netback)	1,373	94.8	130	1,762	82.3	145	
Electricity sales – Direct	81	134.3	11	81	111.1	9	2
Electricity sales to C&I	1,454	97.0	141	1,844	83.6	154	
CfDs – Tiwai support	875			734			
CfDs - Long term sales	470			531			3
CfDs - Short term sales	1,627			1,408			3
Electricity sales - CFDs	2,972	108.7	323	2,673	109.7	293	
Total contracted electricity sales	8,114	105.9	859	8,121	96.7	785	
Steam sales	595	55.7	33	645	43.7	28	4
Other income			(10)			5	5
Net income on gas sales			3			2	6
Net income on electricity related services			(1)			1	7
Net other income			(7)			16	
Total contracted revenue (1)	8,709	101.6	885	8,766	93.4	821	
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Generation costs	8,350	(33.8)	(283)	8,486	(38.3)	(316)	8
Acquired generation cost	389	(142)	(55)	554	(116.8)	(65)	9
Generation costs (including acquired generation) (2)	8,739	(38.6)	(338)	9,040	(43.1)	(381)	
Spot electricity revenue	8,269	136.6	1,129	8.404	176.4	1,482	10
Settlement on acquired generation	389	160.1	62	554	207.6	115	11
Spot revenue and settlement on acquired generation (GWAP)	8,658	137.6	1,192	8,959	178.3	1,597	
Spot electricity cost	(5,062)	(153.1)	(775)	(5,367)	(185.9)	(998)	12
Settlement on CFDs sold	(2,972)	(139.8)	(415)	(2,673)	(191.3)	(511)	13
Spot purchases and settlement on CFDs sold (LWAP)	(8,033)	(148.2)	(1,190)	(8,040)	(187.7)	(311)	15
Trading, merchant revenue and losses (3)	(0,000)	(170.2)	1	(0,040)	(101.11)	88	
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Wholesale EBITDAF (1+2+3)			548			527	

Wholesale segment key

	Wholesale segment	Reference to detailed operating segment performance	Comment
	C&I electricity – fixed price	2	
	C&I electricity – pass through	2-pass through	Spot sales are regarded as a pass-through and not reflected in performance reporting, any margin included in C&I netback
	Wholesale electricity, net of hedging	3 + 10 + 13	
e	Electricity related services revenue	7	
Revenue	Inter-segment electricity sales	1	
R	Gas	6	Revenue from wholesale gas sales, purchase cost of gas and diesel purchases
	Steam	4	
	Other income / other market costs	5	Note: In FY22 a \$15m loss was recognised on the close out of CFDs in the financial statements. For management reporting these were netted off against CFD gross revenue as the mark-to-market of the close out was reflected there
	Electricity purchases, net of hedging	9 + 11 + 12	
	Electricity purchases – pass through	2-pass through	Spot sales are regarded as a pass-through
	Electricity related services cost	7	
	Gas and diesel purchases	8 (less costs identified relating to 6)	Includes wholesale gas sales purchases (if any)
	Gas storage costs	8	
Costs	Carbon emissions	8	
Ŏ	Generation transmission and reserve costs	8	
	Electricity networks, transmission and meter costs – fixed price	2	
	Electricity networks, transmission and meter costs – pass through	2-pass through	Spot sales are regarded as a pass-through
	Gas networks, transmission and meter costs	8	
	Other operating expenses	8 (less costs identified relating to 2)	C&I operating costs are included in the calculation of netback (2) and are excluded from generation operating costs

Retail segment

Residential electricity	unit	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22
Average connections	#	353,105	355,073	357,117	373,347
Sales volumes	GWh	2,491	2,532	2,520	2,644
Average usage	MWh per ICP	7.1	7.1	7.1	7.1
Tariff	\$/MWh	251.7	250.4	253.4	256.4
Network, meters and levies	\$/MWh	-126.0	-122.1	-118.0	-119.5
Energy costs	\$/MWh	-89.5	-94.8	-100.2	-115.0
Gross margin	\$/MWh	36.2	33.5	35.2	21.9
Gross margin	\$ per ICP	256	239	249	155
Gross margin	\$m	90	85	89	58

SME electricity	unit	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22
Average connections	#	55,020	55,033	49,679	48,459
Sales volumes	GWh	1,042	991	860	798
Average usage	MWh per ICP	18.9	18.0	17.3	16.5
Tariff	\$/MWh	226.8	229.3	231.7	239.7
Network, meters and levies	\$/MWh	-113.4	-115.8	-106.4	-112.9
Energy costs	\$/MWh	-87.7	-93	-99.3	-113.7
Gross margin	\$/MWh	25.7	20.5	26.1	13.0
Gross margin	\$ per ICP	488	369	451	215
Gross margin	\$m	27	20	22	10

Broadband	unit	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22
Average connections	#	5.692	19,979	39,245	62,388
Tariff	\$/cust/mth	97.7	70.1	68.2	70.1
Network, provisioning, modems	\$/cust/mth	-89.7	-69.6	-69.9	-60.5
Gross margin	\$/cust/mth	8.0	0.5	-1.6	9.6
Gross margin	\$m	0.4	0.1	-1	7

During FY22 metering costs of \$13m, which were previously in operating costs to serve were reclassified into networks meters and levies (COGS) to better reflect the nature of the costs. Comparisons have been restated.

Residential gas	unit	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22
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Average connections		61,711	61,591	60,701	64,649
Sales volumes	TJ	1,605	1,577	1,495	1,583
Average usage	GJ per ICP	26.0	25.6	24.6	24.5
Tariff	\$/GJ	31.5	33.1	35.3	36.6
Network, meters and levies	\$/GJ	-18.9	-18.5	-18.6	-18.7
Energy costs	\$/GJ	-5.8	-7.9	-8.6	-11.8
Carbon costs	\$/GJ	-1.0	-1.4	-1.5	-2.1
Gross margin	\$/GJ	5.8	5.3	6.5	4.1
Gross margin	\$ per ICP	153	136	107	101
Gross margin	\$m	9	8	10	7
SME gas	unit	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22
Average connections	#	3,901	3,949	3,876	3,889
Sales volumes					
Calco foldinos	TJ	1,492	1,441	1,313	1,224
Average usage	TJ GJ per ICP	1,492 382	1,441 365	1,313 339	1,224 315
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Average usage	GJ per ICP	382	365	339	315
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Average usage Tariff Network, meters and levies	GJ per ICP \$/GJ \$/GJ	382 15.1 -5.5	365 15.4 -6.0	339 16.3 -7.9	315 19.8 -8.7
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Retail segment EBITDAF		FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22
Electricity Gross margin	\$m	117	105	111	68
Gas Gross Margin	\$m	14	9	8	3
Broadband Gross Margin	\$m	0	0	-1	7
Total Gross Margin	\$m	131	114	118	79
Other income	\$m	4	5	6	7
Other operating costs	\$m	-69	-69	-68	-68
Retail segment EBITDAF	\$m	67	50	55	17
Corporate allocation (50%)	\$m	-13	-15	-15	-14

Retail EBITDAF	\$m	54	35	40	3
EBITDAF margins (% of revenue)	%	5.7%	3.6%	4.3%	0.3%