

Climate Policy Positions of Trade Associations

Contact Energy is a member of the following four associations, which all support emissions targets in line with Paris Agreement goals, including the commitment to net zero. Contact's strategy is aligned with all four associations.

As part of our regulatory function, we review and monitor the climate policy positions of our trade associations for consistency with the Paris Agreement goals and ensure that our direct lobbying is similarly consistent.

In the event of any major misalignment on climate-related policy issues Contact would make an open submission to the association in question setting out its own position and commitments. If the two policy positions could not be reconciled, Contact would consider whether continued membership of the association was incompatible with its own position and may withdraw from the association.



New Zealand's [Sustainable Business Council](#) (SBC) mobilises New Zealand's most ambitious businesses to build a thriving and sustainable future for all.



Together with over one hundred other businesses, Contact signed the SBC-backed [Climate Leaders Coalition](#) Statement of Ambition. The Statement recognises climate change as a critical business issue and commits signatories to measure, report on and reduce greenhouse gas emissions in line with Paris Agreement goals. Contact is committed to working together with other signatories to accelerate our transition towards a zero-carbon and climate resilient future.



The New Zealand Initiative conducts independent research on a wide range of policy issues, including climate and environment-related issues.



The Electricity Retailers' Association of New Zealand (ERANZ), [supports New Zealand's 2050 emissions reduction targets](#), with a focus on how New Zealand can deliver a transition that achieves those emissions reductions at the lowest possible cost without leaving any households or businesses behind.



Contact has also recently rejoined the Aotearoa Circle, a voluntary initiative that brings together leaders from the public and private sectors to investigate the state of New Zealand's natural resources, and to commit to priority actions that will restore natural capital and ensure sustainable prosperity in Aotearoa.

Lobbying and Trade associations

New Zealand has a small and open political system. Contact Energy does not provide donations to any political party, but engages with members of parliament across the political spectrum, and with public officials. Our engagement focusses on informing MPs and officials about the work Contact does, as well as promoting policies consistent with [Tikanga](#) and our strategy to lead New Zealand's decarbonisation.

All meetings with Ministers of the Crown are a matter of public record, and are attended by officials from relevant agencies. Contact's engagements are managed by the Head of Regulatory and Government Relations who is responsible for ensuring that engagements align with the key principles in part 3 of our [Stakeholder Engagement Policy](#), our [Tikanga](#), and our strategy to lead New Zealand's decarbonisation. This includes ensuring that all lobbying activity is consistent with the Paris Agreement, and Contact Energy's own commitment to reach net zero emissions by 2035.

Meetings with public officials and MPs will often be attended by relevant staff closest to the subject matter. The Head of Regulatory and Government Relations will provide a briefing ahead of all meetings, and attend where possible. Briefings highlight both legal and ethical responsibilities consistent with this policy and our Tikanga.

The Chief Corporate Affairs Officer (CCO, a member of our executive) provides governance oversight of public policy engagements. The CCO monitors these activities via a stakeholder engagement register, direct feedback from the relevant individuals and organisations, and by attending key meetings.

The CCO also has responsibility for determining what trade associations Contact Energy is a member of, and ensures that those trade associations are aligned with our stakeholder engagement principles, our Tikanga, and our public commitments, such as our target to reach net zero by 2035.