

MEUG 12-week rolling calendar week starting 28 May 2018

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Ministerial and Departmental Policy	
8-member Expert Advisory Group and 1-special advisor for Review into Electricity Pricing announced 17-Apr. EAG reports to the Minister Apr/May 2019.	
Government Budget announcements 17-May:	
➤ \$142.5m for new Warmer Kiwi Homes targeting lower-income families.	✓
➤ EA's proposed longer-term RTP appropriation declined (forgone NPV=\$53m)	✗
➤ Continued \$5.2m EECA levy on electricity users' (MEUG view as excessive)	✗
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NZ Aluminium Smelters announced 01-May the 4 th potline would restart (after 6-month commissioning) following 50 MW power supply agreement with MEL to Dec-22.	✓

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001	Parliament Sitting days (3-days starting Wed):		12, 19, 26-Jun, 03-Jul		
002				24, 31-Jul, 07-Aug	
003	Northcote by-election (to replace Jonathan Coleman)	09-Jun			
004	Telecommunications (New Regulatory Framework) Amendment Bill				Being considered by select committee.
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006	Ministerial & Departmental Policy				
007	MBIE				
008	* Electricity price review				Expert Advisory Group (EAG) members announced 17-Apr.
009	First consultation round starts				End Aug/early Sep, 6-week response time. Final report to Minister Apr/May 2019.
010	* Electricity Demand & Generation Scenario forecasts				MBIE revision of EDGS urgently needed as an important building block of IPP process in 2019.
011	* Crown Minerals Act - Block offer 2018 to be released			Aug	12-Apr-18 announcement on new offshore permits may not meet policy requirements.
012	MEUG OIA/Ombudsman requests on 12-Apr announcements.				Replies due. Between 10 and 20 other parties have made similar requests.
013	MSD				
014	* Winter Energy Payment 2018 starts (\$266 to \$414 this year)		01-Jul		Ends 30-Sep.
015					
016	Independent Crown Entities (ICE)				CC and EA are ICE.
017	NZ Productivity Commission (NZPC)				
018	* Low emissions economy - subs on draft report.	08-Jun			Final report due to government Aug-18.
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020	Crown Agents				
021	EECA				MEUG is monitoring various EECA activities to assist EECA be accountable.
022					MEUG has a long-standing view the \$5.2m pa electricity levy on users' is excessive.

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Training					
023	BrightStar training, Fundamentals of the NZ Electricity Industry		26-27 Jun		Wellington. Then 26-27 Jun, Auckland. Facilitator: Phil Caffyn, Utility Consultants
024	Energy Link (all training in Dunedin)				
025	Introduction to the electricity market		03-Jul		Then: 16-Oct
026	Nodal pricing or electricity		04-Jul		17-Oct
027	Hedging electricity		05-Jul		
028					
Seminars and other					
029					
030	Energy Trader Forum			08-Aug	Wellington Then 14-Nov, Wellington
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032	NZ Minerals Forum 2018	29-30 May			Queenstown. MEUG members Oceand Gold and Ravensdown are award finalists.
033	Investing for Wellbeing - the future of public investment management	29-May			Wellington lunchtime seminar, Institute for Governance & Policy Studies,
034	Presenters: Tim Ng and Sam King, The Treasury				Victoria University of Wellington
035	Electricity Engineers Assoc. Conference		20-22 Jun		SkyCity
036	Conferenz, Intelligent Towns, Networks & Assets Summit		25-26 Jun		SkyCity
037	Conferenz, EV world NZ, industry and public expo			09-11 Aug	Auckland
038	Deloitte Energy Excellence Awards 2018				22-Aug. 10 categories including Large Energy User Initiative of the year sponsored
039					by EECA Business. Entries close 21-May, finalists announced 21-Jul.
040	BEC with WEC, Asia Pacific Energy Leaders Summit 2018				31-Oct to 01-Nov 2018, Te Papa. BEC=BusinessNZ Energy Council
041	"3D Vision - New Energy Perspectives"				and WEC=World Energy Council
042	2018 GasNZ Industry Forum				07-09 Nov, Wellington
043	Downstream Strategic Summit 2019				05-06 Mar-19, SkyCity

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044	Monopoly services regulated by CC				
045	CC information gathering re emerging tech. (per 09-May proposal)				Subs on proposal closed 25-May. Info gathering to be completed by end July.
046	CC decision on new fibre regime funding	tba			Subs closed 11-May. May set precedents for consumer participation.
047	Compliance statements due from EDB for year ended 31-Mar-18		13-Jun		
048	Input Methodologies (IM)				
049	Final Capex IM determination				Final decision announced 25-May.
050	EDB IM may need Δ to clarify accelerated dep. requests timing				
051	TPNZ IPP for RCP2: 2015-2020				Decision on next steps for Bunnythorpe-Wilton line reconductoring due.
052					No advice on near-term applications for approval other listed projects or major capex.
053	TPNZ IPP for RCP3: 2020-2025				No advice from Transpower on near-term likely engagement.
054					No advice from MBIE on when EDGS will be revised (see row 10 above)
054	DPP reset for RCP3 starting 01-Apr-20 for 14 EDB (3 CPP, 12 ID only)				CC to advise process.
055	CPP				
056	Orion CPP				Ends 31-Mar-19. Orion then have 1-year transition to RCP3 DPP.
057	Powerco CPP implementation				Decision announced 28-Mar. 5-year CPP 01-Apr-18 to 31-Mar-23.
058	WELL CPP implementation				Decision announced 28-Mar. 3-year CPP 01-Apr-18 to 31-Mar-21.
059	Post Powerco and WELL CPP decisions review of process	tba			Review process and consequential changes to scheme needed B4 next application.
060	Future application windows				Next 11-18 Feb-2019. From then to end RCP2, 31-Mar-20, no application windows
061					First window in RCP3 is 04-May to 12-May 2020.
062	Expected next application				Aurora likely to apply mid-2020 (this later target date announced 06-Mar-18)
063					
064	Airports Price Setting Event #3 (PSE3) ex post reviews:				Policy topics of interest to MEUG: Does/will "dual-till" apply to EDB,
065					Airports WACC at mid-point, and how large new investments paid for.
066	AIAL draft report x-sub	08-Jun			Final report 20-Sep-18. MEUG made x-sub on AIAL asset beta on 26-Jan-18.
067	CIAL draft report published → subs → x-sub		28-Jun	26-Jul	Final report 20-Sep
068	WIAL PSE3 commences			09-Aug	2019
	Monopoly services regulated by EA				
069	Code Part 12 Transport				
070	EA review of TPM guidelines (cl. 12.81(1)(b))				Decision on next steps before 30-Jun.
071					
072	Code Part 12A Distributor UoSAs and distributor tariffs				
073	DDA - second consultation paper published		Jul		
074	Vector request for a declaratory judge re EA proposed DDA				Hearing date could be before end of current financial year
075	Distribution pricing Δs to be cost-reflective & service-based				EDB publishing 6-monthly roadmaps.
076	Review of dist. pricing principles & guidelines - consultation				Maybe before end of financial year.

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077	Market services				
078	Board meetings	06-Jun	28-Jun	01-Aug	
079	EA 2018-19 work programme to be published in next few months.				
080	Regulatory Managers & Consumer Representatives briefing	12-Jun			
081					
082	El Act s.16(1)(f), market facilitation measures:				No advice on EA publications or external party events over next few weeks.
083	El Act s.16(1)(g), industry and market monitoring (markets)				Review of 02-Jun-16 high spot price event to be published.
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085	Code Part 6 Connection of distributed generation				
086	DG in place 06-Dec-16 listed as eligible for ACOT payments:				
087	Lower NI (LNI) consultation	Jun			Will take effect 01-Oct-18
088	Upper NI (UNI) consultation tba				Will take effect 01-Apr-19
089	Upper SI (USI) consultation tba				Will take effect 01-Oct-18
090	Transpower work on ACOT for post Dec-16 new DG				Refer Transpower open letter 20-Apr.
091	Consultation paper released → subs due		29-Jun →	10-Aug	Process to be finalised by 28-Sep.
092	Review DGPP incremental cost ceiling				EA to revisit this after progress on TPM and distribution pricing
093					
094	Code Part 7 System Operator (SO)				
095	SO publishes System Security Forecast and seeks feedback	soon			
096	Add thermal fuel limitations to HRC: Investigate → consult	soon	→ June?		
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098	Code Part 8 Common Quality				
099	NI extended reserves (ER): reply to SO stocktake request	08-Jun			
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101	Code Part 11 Registry Information Management				
102	Participant definition project consultation paper	Early 2018			Topic arose from Enabling Mass Participation (EMP) decision paper 06-Nov-17
103	EIEP - Subs closed 22-Sep - Next steps:	tba			
104	Straight forward Δ's - decisions paper	Soon			
105	Not straight forward Δ's - 2nd paper to Board	June			eg MEUG supported making planned outage EIEP 5A mandatory
106	Saves and win-backs - MDAG taking lead (row 168)				
107	MDAG: Saves and win backs subs		29-Jun		then MDAG considers subs, proposes next steps to EA Board.
108	Review of trader ICP switch process - consultation		Jul		
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110	Code Part 13 Trading arrangements				
111	RTP				Next steps uncertain following longer-term work declined by Government in 17-May budget.
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113	Code Part 14 C&S:				
114	Offsetting ASX & spot market prudentials - decision	Jun			Subs closed 31-Oct.
115	Review of direct connect default rules consultation (if needed)				Later in 2018.