ACT PARTY

SUMMARY ONLY OF ELECTRIFICATION AND ENERGY-RELATED POLICY ANNOUNCEMENTS AS AT 21 OCTOBER 2026

ENERGY USER	POLICY ANNOUNCEMENTS
HOUSEHOLDS & RENTERS	• Choose who buys your power, including local businesses and community schemes • Allow households to export more solar where the network has room • Opposes taxpayer-funded zero-interest solar and battery loans
BUSINESSES, FARMS AND INDUSTRY	• Businesses to choose the fuel that works for them, including gas and coal, while the Emissions Trading Scheme prices emissions • Shop around: competing accredited contractors for new or upgraded connections • Allow private investors to build, own and operate new transmission connected to the Grid where they meet common technical and reliability standards • Remove funding caps on approved trades subjects, with funding following students and schools keeping their base and equity funding when students learn off-site
COMMUNITIES & MĀORI	• Choose who buys your power, including local businesses and community schemes
TRANSPORT USERS	• Scrap some vehicle emissions settings and oppose arbitrary vehicle age bans, and require new rules to disclose their effect on vehicle supply and prices
PUBLIC SECTOR Schools, public housing, government	• No new policies found
EVERYONE Market-wide policies	• Remove the carbon auction price floor and refund carbon auction revenue to New Zealanders • Remove barriers to commercially funded LNG import infrastructure • Remove barriers to domestic gas production and underground gas storage • Stronger enforcement against misuse of market power • Opposes forced break-ups of the big power companies (gentailers) • National planning rules to provide for gas peakers and other thermal generation • Lines companies must prove upgrades are worth it, compared with options like batteries, before adding costs to your bill

'No new policies found' means no new policies were found in the search. Items listed are new future policies, not existing Government policies.
These are intended as summaries only based on information published on 21 October 2026. Parties may announce more policies before the election.
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