LABOUR PARTY

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

ENERGY USER	POLICY ANNOUNCEMENTS
HOUSEHOLDS & RENTERS	• SolarSaver subsidy of up to $3,000 for low- and middle-income homeowners and renters, for rooftop or plug-in solar systems • Low-interest loans for solar and batteries, with an option based on the Ratepayer Assistance Scheme and another through lines companies • Change regulations so renters can use plug-in solar panels that connect to a normal power point • Fair time-of-use rates for power you export to the grid • EECA one-stop shop for impartial, expert advice and an easy process
BUSINESSES, FARMS AND INDUSTRY	• Data centres must secure their own renewable power and pay their own connection costs • Set aside $4m to grow the solar workforce • Extend Apprenticeship Boost to two years of employer support
COMMUNITIES & MĀORI	• $30m community battery fund; Government pays half, up to $200,000 a project, to enable all in a community to benefit from local solar power
TRANSPORT USERS	• Cap weekly public transport fares at $20 in Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch, $10 elsewhere, from July 2027 • Weekly Commerce Commission fuel price reporting on what fuel companies charge and what drivers pay; freeze fuel tax for three years • Make price gouging illegal on essentials, including energy and fuel • Require NZTA to consider using spare land for independent unmanned petrol stations or EV chargers
PUBLIC SECTOR Schools, public housing, government	• No new policies found
EVERYONE Market-wide policies	• Make price gouging illegal on essentials, including energy and fuel • Will not proceed with an LNG import terminal • Reinstate the ban on new oil and gas exploration • No new fossil fuel subsidies • NZ Future Fund to prioritise new generation, storage and grid upgrades

'No new policies found' means no new policies were found in the search. Items listed are new future policies, not existing Government policies.
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