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

ENERGY USER	POLICY ANNOUNCEMENTS
HOUSEHOLDS & RENTERS	• Home Energy Fund: low-interest loans for solar, batteries and insulation, based on the Ratepayer Assistance Scheme • No consent needed to install solar, micro-hydro or batteries on your own property, with very few exceptions • Right to sell your exported solar or battery power to any retailer • Residential solar connections required to be approved within two working days, with compensation for delays • Export limits based on real network capacity, so homes can export more where there is room • Enable plug-in solar so renters can generate their own cheaper power
BUSINESSES, FARMS AND INDUSTRY	• $10m fund to help domestic fertiliser manufacturers transition from gas to electricity • No consent needed to install solar, micro-hydro or batteries on your own property, with very few exceptions • Right to sell your exported solar or battery power to any retailer • Require AI data centres to bring their own new, firmed power • Small business solar connections required to be approved within two working days, with compensation for delays • Choose your own accredited contractor for connection work • Let developers, major energy users and investors build and own new transmission
COMMUNITIES & MĀORI	• No new policies found
TRANSPORT USERS	• No new policies found
PUBLIC SECTOR Schools, public housing, government	• No new policies found
EVERYONE Market-wide policies	• Make affordability a core objective of the Electricity Authority in law • Standardised backup power contracts and regular auctions to cover dry years

'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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