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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 solar owners should be able to sell power back at the same price they pay for it
BUSINESSES, FARMS AND INDUSTRY	• Long-term, fixed-price contracts for new-build generation projects and guarantee their power will be first to be used
COMMUNITIES & MĀORI	• No new policies found
TRANSPORT USERS	• Use any gas and oil finds to drive fuel costs down locally
PUBLIC SECTOR Schools, public housing, government	• No new policies found
EVERYONE Market-wide policies	• Replace the current pricing system so power companies can't hold back supply just to drive prices higher • Split the big power companies (gentailers) into separate generators and retailers • Initial investment of $1 billion, into a 'National Subsurface Development Survey' to identify and create one national dataset across energy, geothermal and CO_2 storage sites, create the framework to develop those sites, and extract resources • Long-term, fixed-price contracts for new-build generation projects and guarantee their power will be first to be used • Deliver a National Energy Strategy

'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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