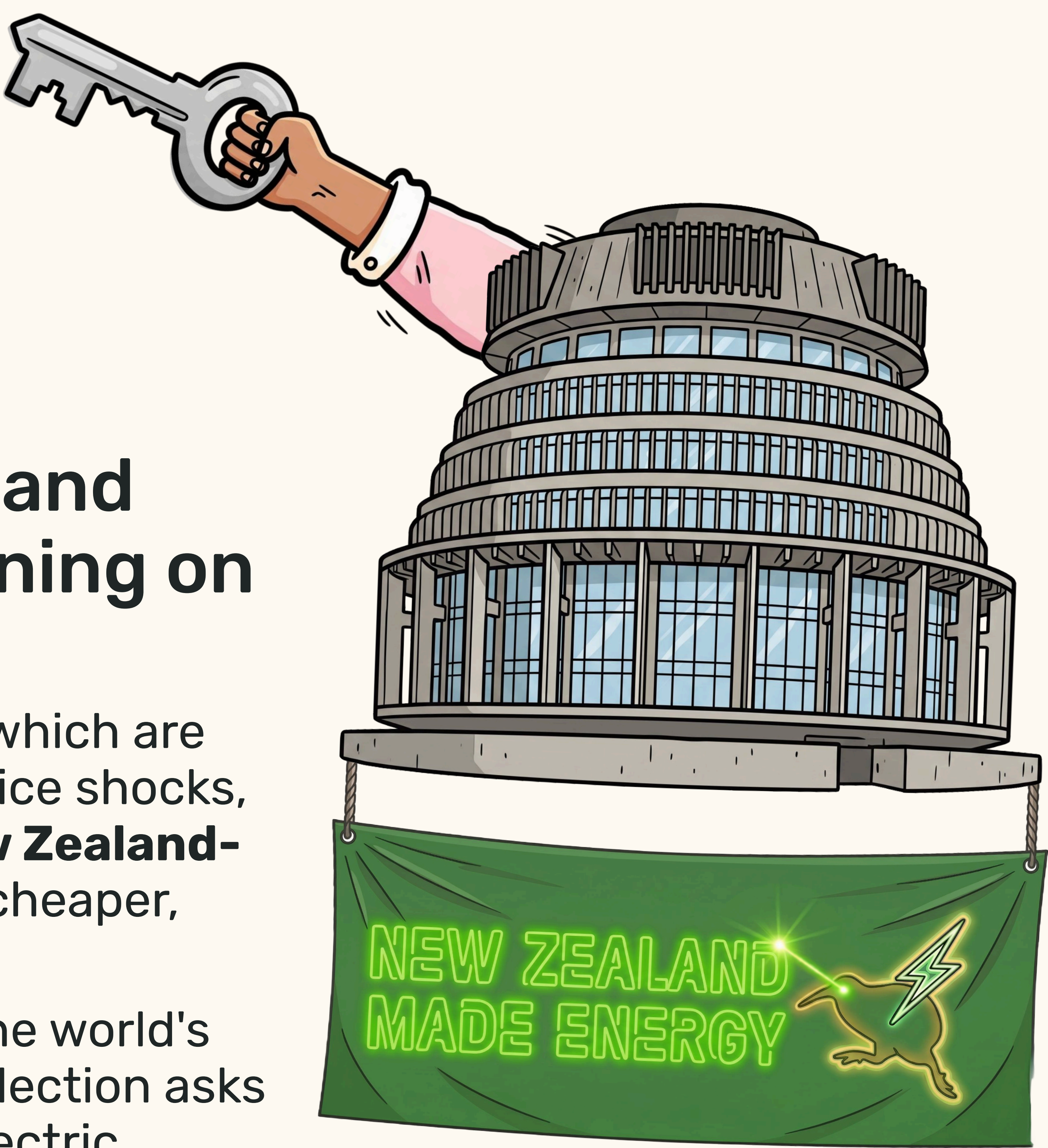


Our asks this electric election



What's needed to unlock billions in savings and reduce our foreign fuel dependence by running on New Zealand-made energy.

New Zealand spends \$55 million every day on fossil fuels, most of which are imported. That money leaves our economy, exposes us to global price shocks, and drives up the cost of living for everyone. The alternative is **New Zealand-made energy running through efficient electric machines**. It's cheaper, more reliable and cleaner.

There are still a number of things standing in the way of creating the world's most electric economy. Below are two priority policy asks and six election asks covering the most impactful actions to make New Zealand more electric.

Two key policies

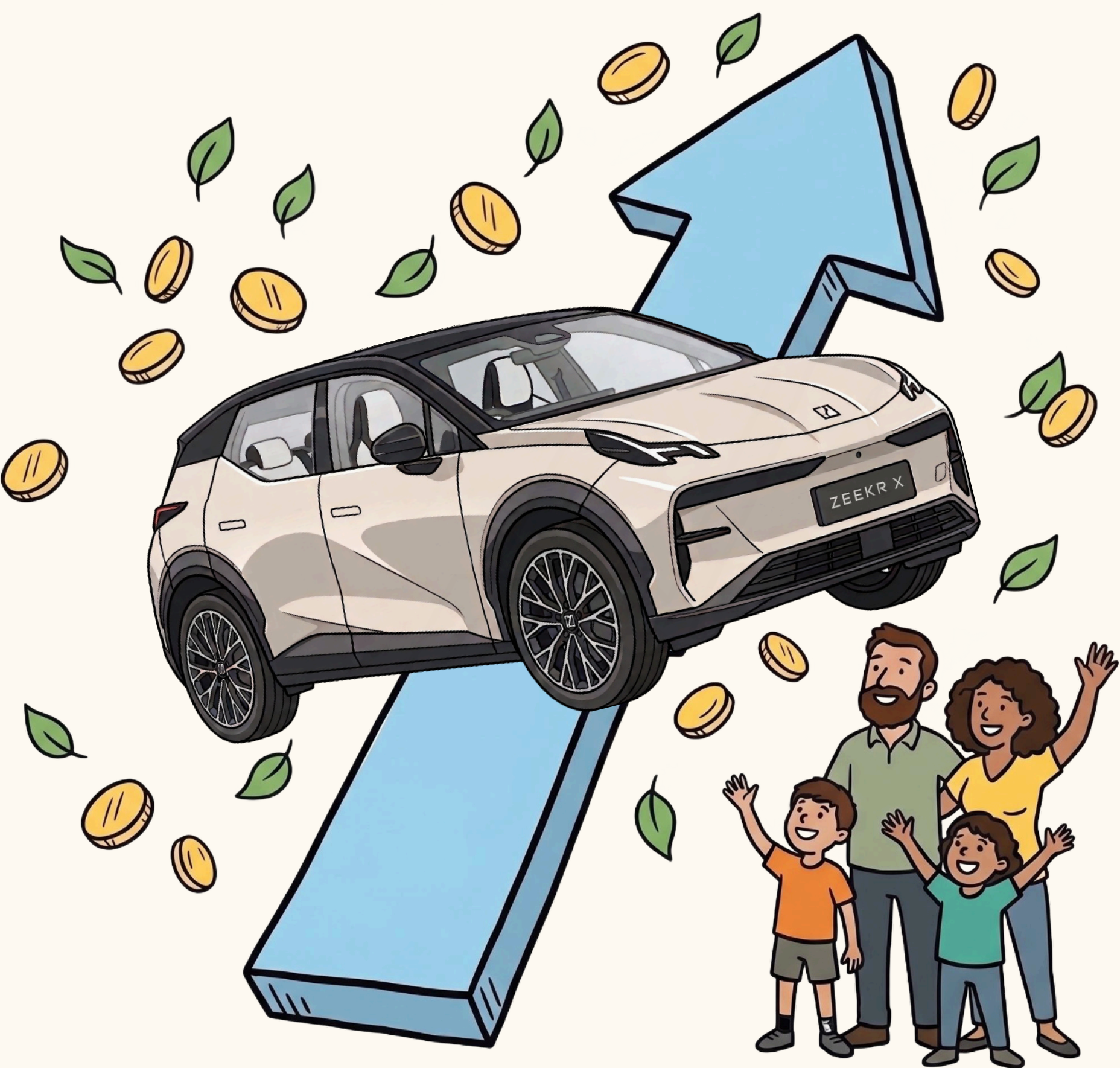
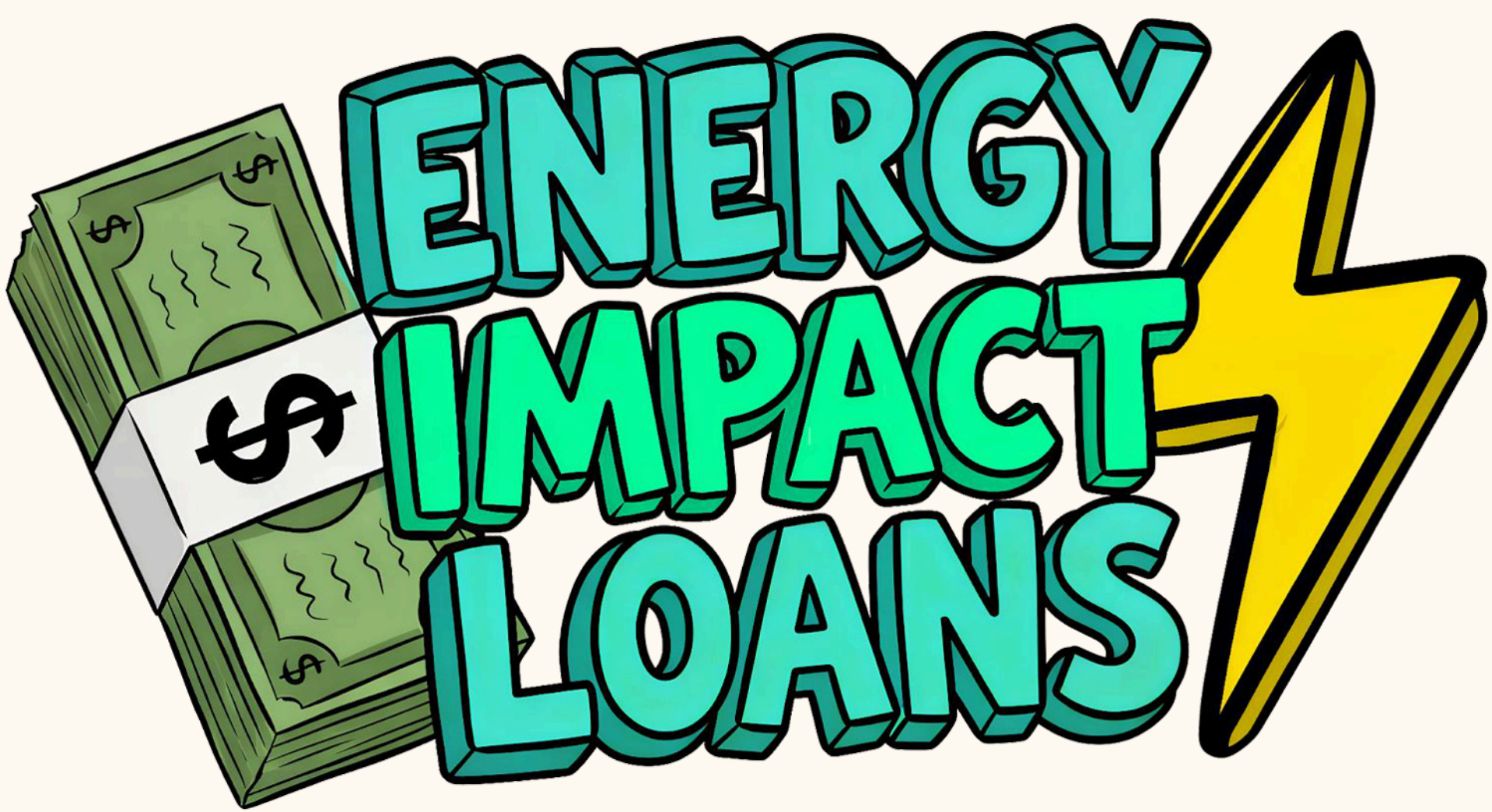
LOANS FOR AFFORDABLE HOME UPGRADES

Ratepayer Assistance Scheme (RAS)

The biggest barrier to electrification is the upfront cost. The RAS provides long-term, low-interest electrification loans via councils. Loans would be available at 1–1.5% below bank mortgage rates, repayable flexibly over the life of the machine, and accessible to every rateable property.

Homes would be able to upgrade space and water heating, plus add solar and batteries, saving around \$2,000 a year including loan repayment and financing costs, without entering negative cashflow. The RAS has broad council support, a completed business case, and backing from multiple parties. It just needs enabling legislation.

Our ask: Commit to introducing the enabling RAS legislation within your first 100 days.



BETTER ACCESS TO ELECTRIC VEHICLE

EV Salary Boost & Fringe Benefit Tax changes

Around 1.8 million New Zealanders rely on a car as their main method of getting to work, yet the upfront cost keeps many stuck in old, expensive-to-run petrol and diesel vehicles. EV Salary Boost would offer a lease on a new or second-hand EV paid for out of an employee's pre-tax pay, saving thousands every year even after the lease payment.

In addition, removing or reducing fringe benefit tax for EVs would provide a direct financial incentive for businesses to electrify their fleets. With 60% of new vehicles in New Zealand purchased by businesses, fleet electrification is key to growing a secondhand EV market.

Our ask: Enable EV Salary Boost, and remove or reduce fringe benefit tax on EVs.

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Six election asks

Far from exhaustive, and in no particular order, here's six areas of focus for the Government to make the electric boat go faster.

1. Inspire New Zealanders with energy vision and action

Everyone wins when we swap expensive imported energy for cheaper, cleaner New Zealand-made energy. The Government needs to set out this narrative clearly, consistently, and across party lines so households, farms and businesses feel confident to act.

That means an energy strategy that outlines a pathway to renewable energy abundance, firm moves to electrify New Zealand's ten million fossil fuel machines and a plan to rapidly transition off gas.

2. Change the rules, and how they're made

Ensure regulators actively pursue the long-term interests of consumers and New Zealand, innovate to keep up with technology, and are held to account where their decisions are to the contrary.

And get on with changing the rules, including updating the EECA Act for the electrification era, stronger regulation of distribution network pricing (including cost-reflective export payments for batteries), and enabling peer-to-peer energy sharing.

3. Electrify every home, fast

Access and upfront costs remain the biggest barrier. Every household needs a pathway to affordable electrification, such as the Ratepayer Assistance Scheme, a right to solar and EV charging for renters, and an expansion of Warmer Kiwi Homes for low-income homes.

And we need the sparkies, plumbers, and installers to deliver it, which means investment in trades training now.

4. Reduce our fuel dependence

This year has emphasised our economy's exposure to petrol and diesel price spikes. Helping more New Zealanders into EVs improves energy security and lowers the cost of living.

Introducing EV Salary Boost would let employees lease an EV using their pre-tax salary. Removing or reducing fringe benefit tax incentivises businesses to electrify their fleets. Targeted subsidies directly lower the purchase price. And support for the rollout of fit-for-purpose charging options ensures the switch is possible for more people.

5. Get businesses off gas

Domestic gas reserves are at a 20-year low and declining faster than expected. With soaring gas prices, businesses are closing or cutting staff.

Industrial gas users need support to electrify: finance for those who can switch now, subsidies for those who need more help, and coordinated grid connections so the infrastructure barrier doesn't stop willing businesses from acting. Backed by greater ambition to accelerate the pace and scale of the transition.

6. Make it easy

Ensure long-term cost and emissions comparisons are visible, trusted and transparent for EVs, homes and appliances to support New Zealanders to make good decisions at the point of purchase.

And fund support programmes for households navigating finance, advice and upgrades.

The bottom line

The evidence is clear: New Zealand-made energy running through electric machines saves homes thousands, communities millions and the country billions, while also improving our energy security and reducing emissions.

What's needed now is political will to **make New Zealand-made energy our north star**.

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