

# New Zealand's Energy and Geothermal Future: Opportunities and Challenges

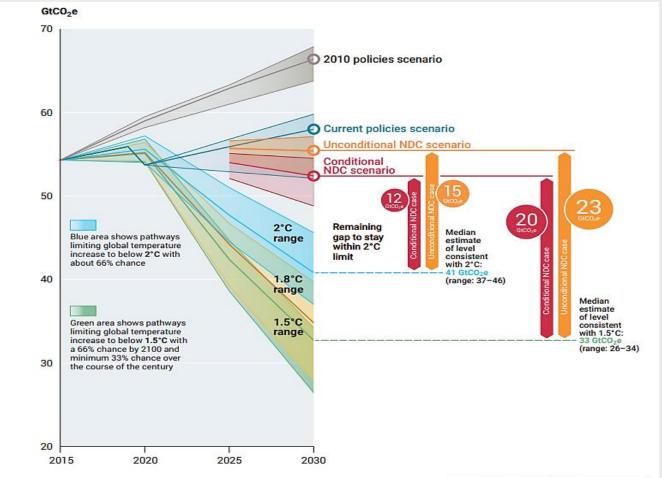
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#### **CLOSING WINDOW FOR ACTION**

- > International community falling short of the Paris goals, no credible pathway to 1.5°C in place.
- > Even with full implementation of unconditional <u>and</u> conditional NDC<sup>1</sup>s the 2.0°C emissions gap is still 12 GtCO2e.
- > Current policies point to a 2.8°C temperature rise by 2030.

# UN 2022 Emissions Gap Report: Global GHG emissions under different scenarios and the emissions gap in 2030



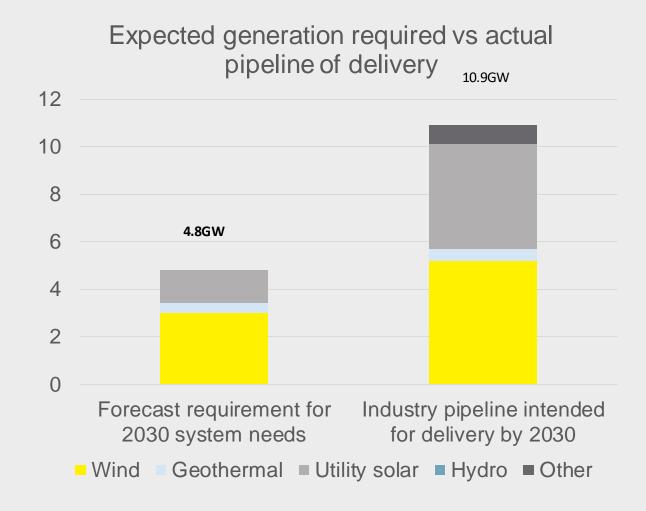


<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>NDC = nationally determined contribution

#### THE NEW ZEALAND STORY

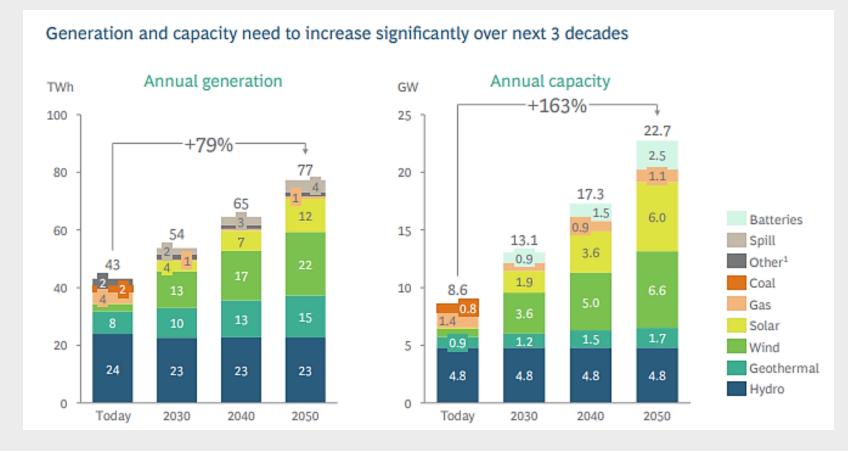
By 2030 we could achieve:

- > 98% renewable electricity
- > High degree of electrification
- > 10% reduction in household energy bills
- > Improved energy independence & resilience





#### THE SCALE OF THE CHALLENGE

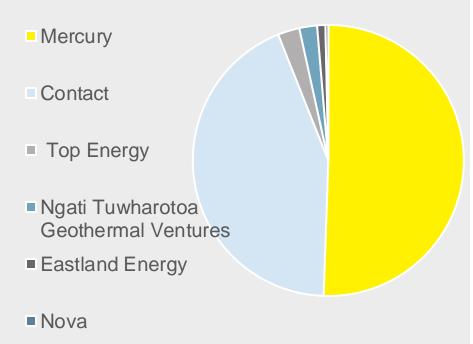


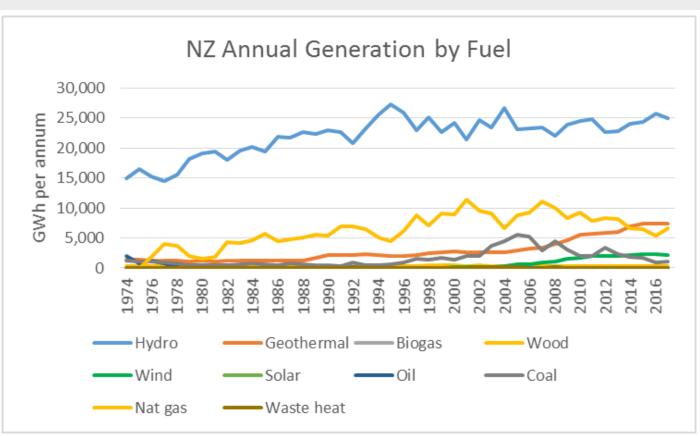
- Development of new renewable generation at sufficient pace
- Sufficient flexible demand and generation capacity to meet increasing peak demand
- 3. Sufficient flexible demand and generation energy to meet dry year energy needs when less hydroelectric generation is available
- 4. Sufficient network infrastructure



#### THE ROLE OF GEOTHERMAL

New Zealand geothermal generators by market share

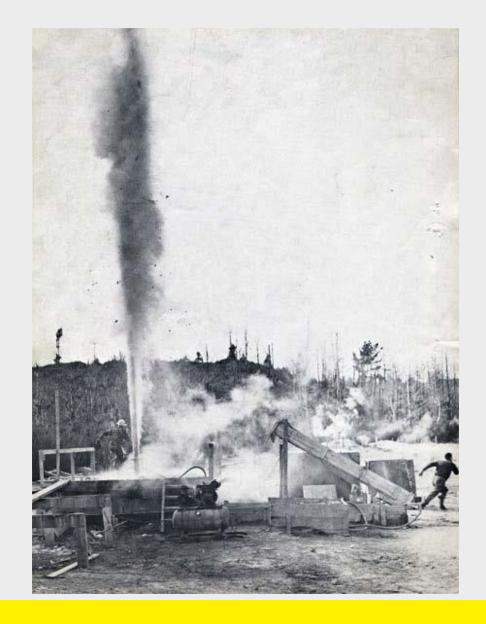






# TAKING GEOTHERMAL TO NEXT LEVEL









## **CONSIDERATIONS FOR AN EVOLVING ENERGY SOURCE**

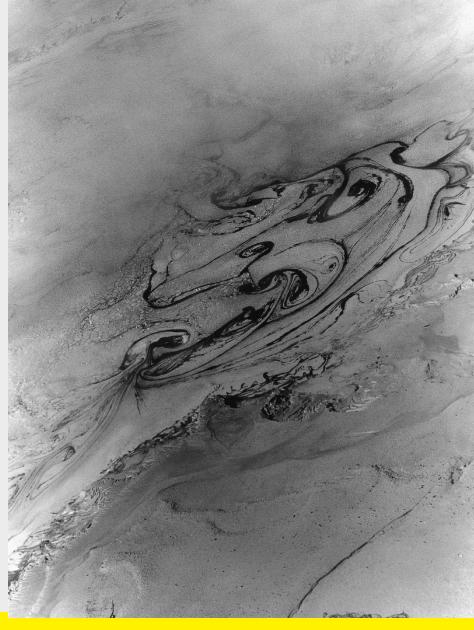




## WE WATCH WITH INTEREST

Mercury geothermal assets located in Taupō volcanic zone







#### **IMAGINING NZ'S ENERGY FUTURE**

