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Welcome from the Chief Executive

This edition we focus on features and snippets that demonstrate the impetus for New Zealand to move towards being a low emission economy and the part that electricity and technology can play in that transition. The obvious answer is electric vehicles which tackle emissions, energy security and increasing uptake of a renewable energy source all in one, and reduced cost to the customer (over the whole life of the vehicle). We might not all be able to afford a Tesla Model S yet, but we can start with an e-bike perhaps...



We also highlight the continued use of technology to bring new and improved services and products to New Zealand customers. Our companies are looking off-shore to bring the best technology to New Zealand, but equally we're taking our IT IP global to the benefit of Australian and UK energy customers.

Guest Column

Business must lead transition to low-emissions economy

Abbie Reynolds
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Over the last few years, transitioning to a low-emission economy has become a key priority for Sustainable Business Council (SBC) members.

With New Zealand's Paris commitments to cut emissions to 30% below 2005 levels by 2030 - and report on progress every five years – there's a new urgency.

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Featured Articles

Powershop taking Kiwi innovations to the UK



Powershop has launched its unique model into the UK in partnership with Npower. Powershop Chief Executive, Ari Sargent sees Powershop's customer service angle as their biggest selling point, as there is little in the way of innovation or new technology in the UK market. This follows their successful launch in Australia. Read more about what makes Powershop special.

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Lightning Lab Electric goes live – Callaghan Innovation looks for stimulation in the electricity market



A partnership between [Callaghan Innovation](#) and [Creative HQ](#) has seen the development of [Lightning Lab Electric](#). They have launched two initiatives in 2017; the [Lightning Lab Electric Accelerator](#) and the [Innovation Challenge](#).

This is New Zealand's first ever open call for innovation in the electricity sector and aims to drive new ideas within different areas.

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Retailers using technology to bring better services to customers



Contact, Mercury and Genesis Energy have all launched initiatives in 2017 to utilise technology for the benefit of customers. Whether it is moving to the Cloud, investigating home management systems and other digital tools, or battery storage, the retailers are looking for opportunities to deliver more value to their customers.

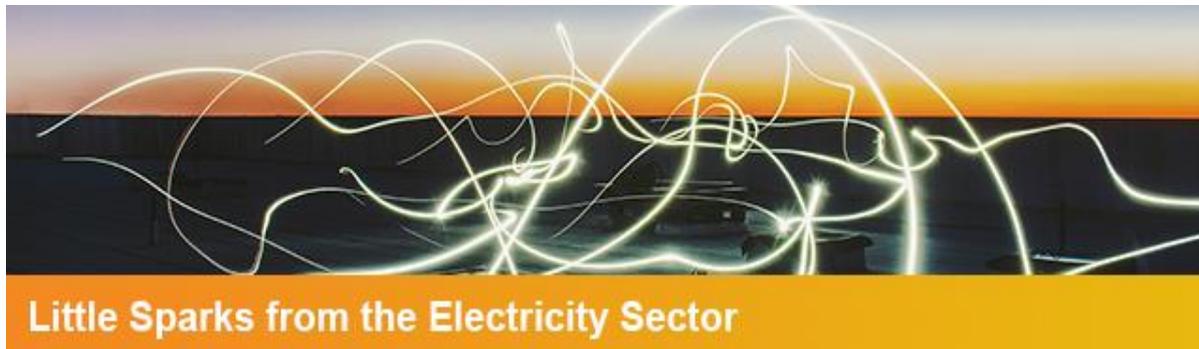
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Electricity vehicles and e-bikes zooming ahead to a low emission economy



Electric vehicles and e-bikes continue to get a good airing in the media, with a couple of decent jolts of publicity and plenty of business activity over the last few months. From political manoeuvring, to the first driverless vehicle trial, to queues out the door at the Tesla Model S launch.

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Top brokers' picks, Meridian joins the Conscious Consumers ranks, energy behavioural insights from the OECD, ERANZ expands....[read on](#)



Word from the Political beltway

Political polls show that this year's election is shaping as another to go down to the wire. There have been energy portfolio changes in National and Labour, new relationships to develop, and policy is on its way from Labour and the Greens.

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ERANZ activity - latest submissions



Energy Innovation (electric vehicles and other matters)

Amendment Bill

01 February 2017 | Commerce Select Committee

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Development of the EECA strategy 2017-2022

07 February 2017 | MBIE

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