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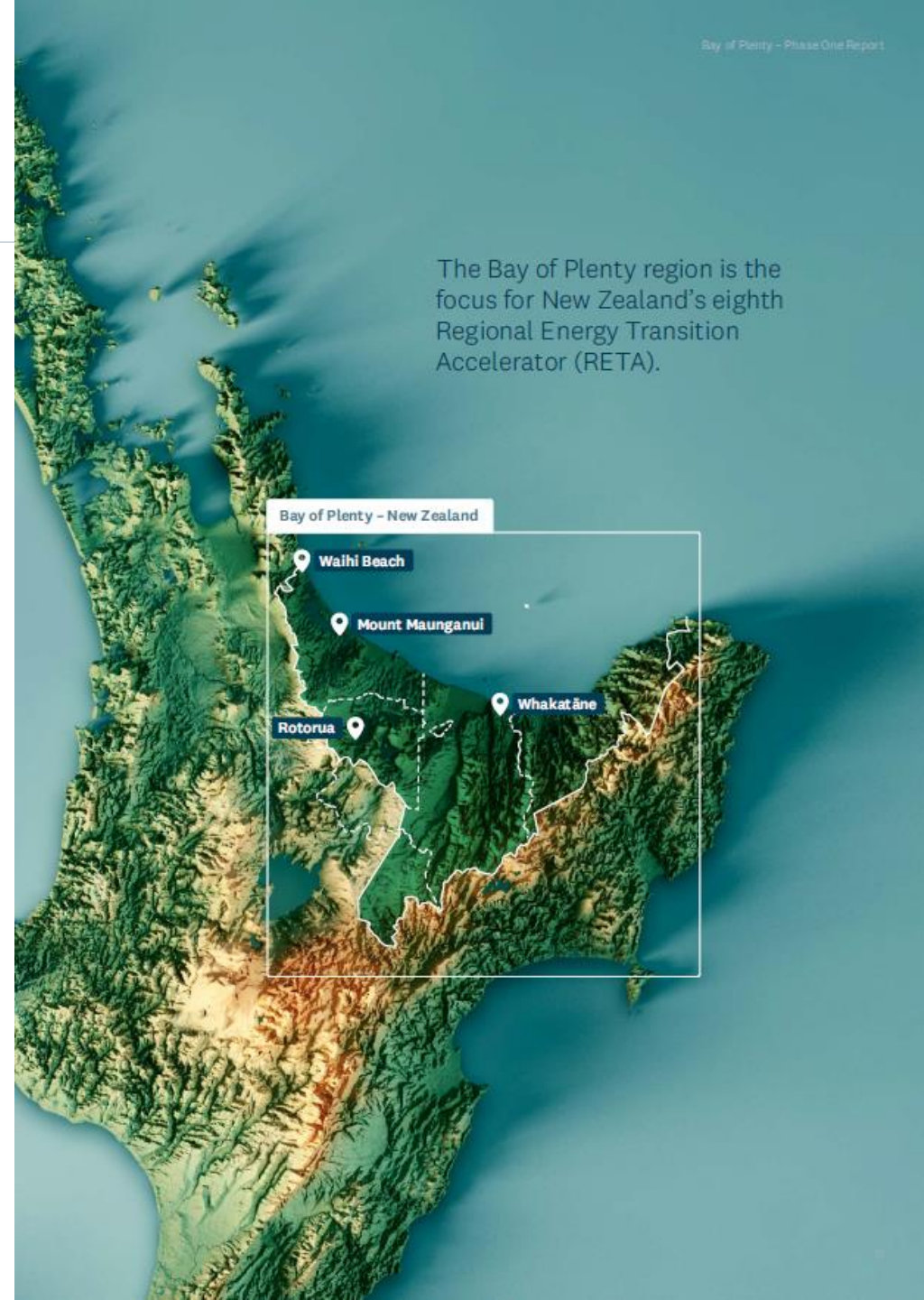
Regional Energy Transition Accelerator (RETA) Bay of Plenty

Geothermal Assessment

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The Bay of Plenty region is the focus for New Zealand's eighth Regional Energy Transition Accelerator (RETA).



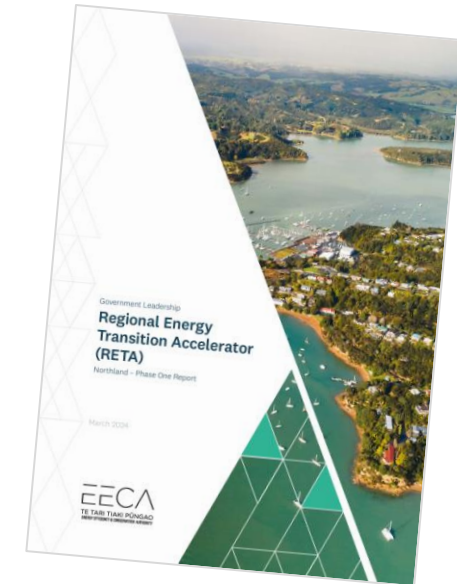
RETA: Regional Energy Transition Accelerator

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We're working through the country

- ✓ Southland – Oct-22
- ✓ Mid-South Canterbury – Jun-23
- ✓ West Coast – Aug-23
- ✓ Otago – Sep-23
- ✓ North Canterbury – Nov-23
- ✓ Nelson, Marlborough, and Tasman – Dec-23
- ✓ Northland – Mar-24
- ✓ Bay of Plenty – May-24
- Tairāwhiti – Jul-24
- *South Island combined* – Jul-24
- Taranaki – Jul-24 (estimate)
- Hawke's Bay – Aug-24 (estimate)
- Waikato – Sep-24 (estimate)
- Manawatu-Whanganui - Oct-24 (estimate)
- Auckland – early '25
- Wellington – early '25



What's involved in RETA

Demand side Assessment:

- List of significant process heat sites, project level detail
- Projected timing and fuel needed for transition

Electricity availability and price assessment

- Electrification infrastructure availability, costs and timing
- Electricity price path

Biomass availability and cost assessment

- Forecast of potential bioenergy availability and accounting for known demands for the resource
- Identify un-utilised bioenergy and costs

Integrated modelling and Report

- modelled decarbonisation scenarios:
 - 'Electricity centric', 'Biomass centric', 'MAC optimal'
- Actions needed and Recommendations

Stakeholder engagement and workshops

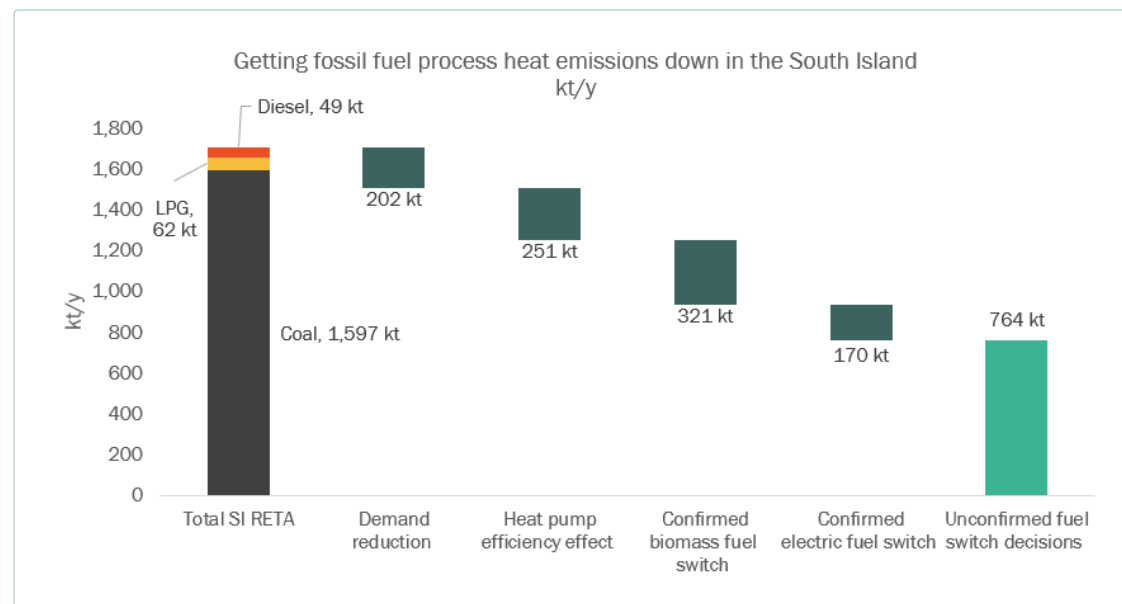
Implementation support

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South Island insights

- **273 sites** included, with **nearly 600** different decarbonisation projects (demand reduction, heat pumps, electrode boilers, biomass boilers).
- Baseline (2022): 18 PJ p.a. total fossil fuel use (predominantly coal), producing 1.7 Mt p.a. scope 1 CO₂-e
- 1.5 GW total installed fossil fuelled thermal capacity
- South Island process heat sites account for nearly 80% of New Zealand's coal consumption



Demand Reduction

E.g. reducing heat demand through process optimisation

163

projects evaluated

Thermal Efficiency

E.g. highly efficient heat pumps for hot water demands; using heat recovery from refrigeration

144

projects evaluated

Fuel Switching

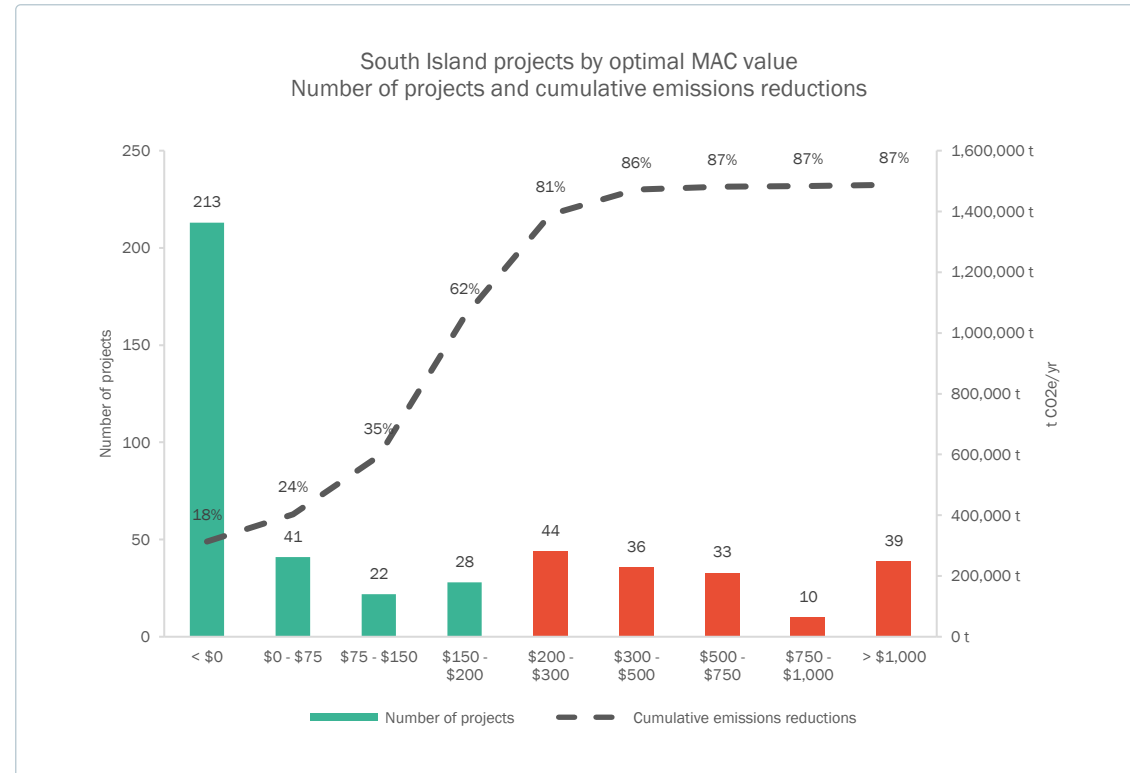
Switching away from fossil fuel to a low-emissions fuel (e.g. biomass and/or electricity)

286

projects evaluated

RETA South Island Insights

- 254 projects, 400kt of emissions will be 'economic based on near term carbon price forecast.
- Demand reduction & HTHP projects could save \$390m - \$585m in capital costs
- Based on MAC Optimal Pathway:
 - Increase electricity consumption by 2,041GWh in 2037, requiring up to \$3B investment
 - Require 1,100GWh p.a. additional SI generation over next 4 years (~300MW/\$1B wind farm)
 - 8m tonnes new biomass demand (2x existing), \$735m-\$850m opportunity
- North Island RETA – Indicatively NI requirement / opportunity would be double South Island

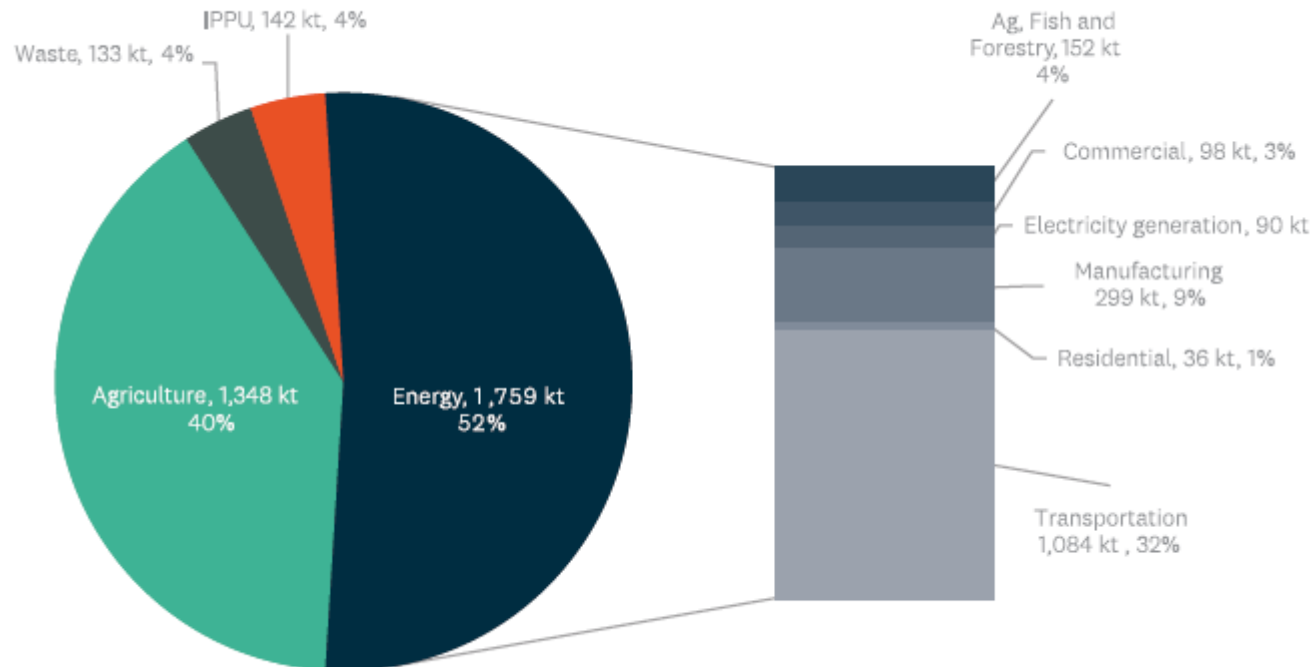


Bay of Plenty RETA

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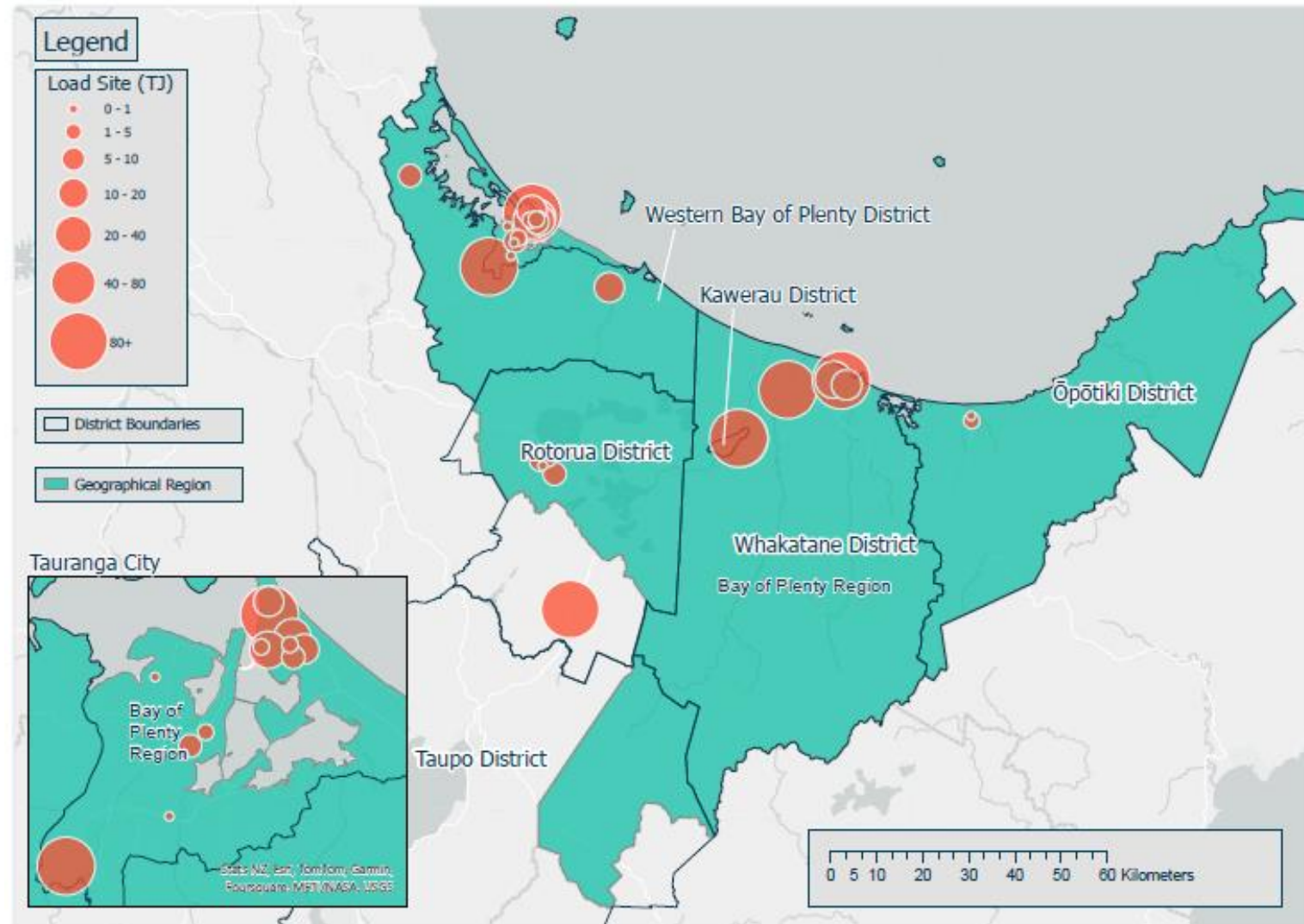
Energy is 52% of Bay of Plenty GHG emissions



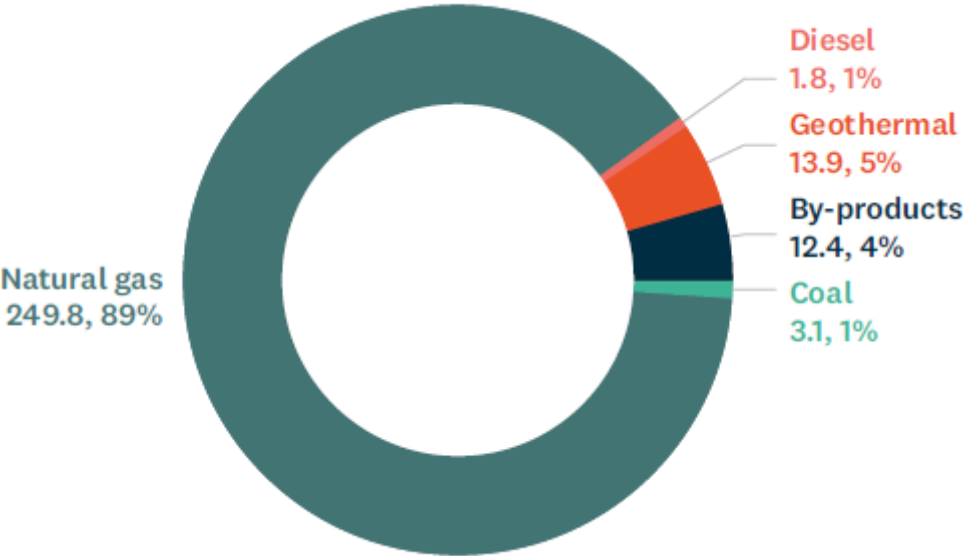
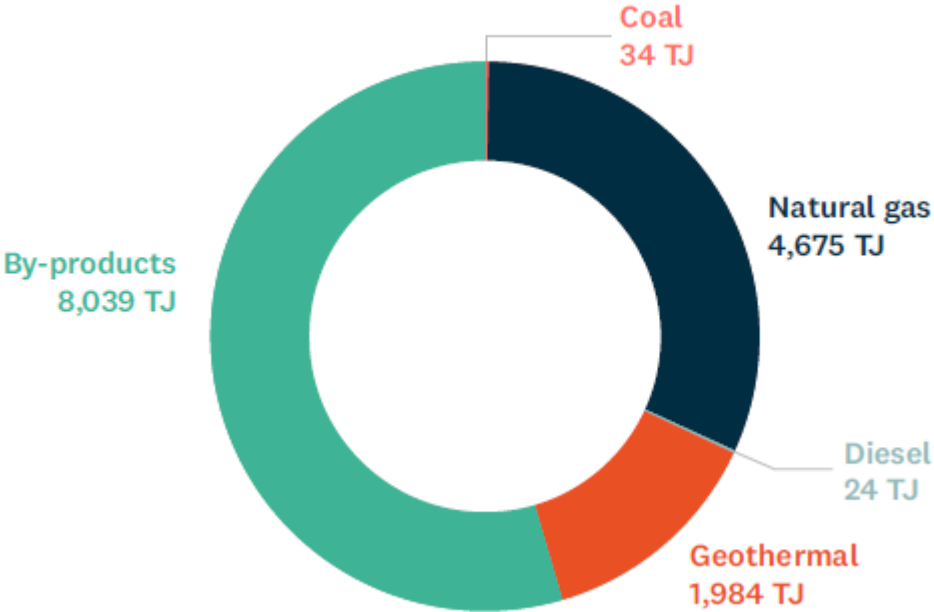
Approx 22% are from process heat

~310kt CO_{2-e} emissions covered in BoP RETA sites

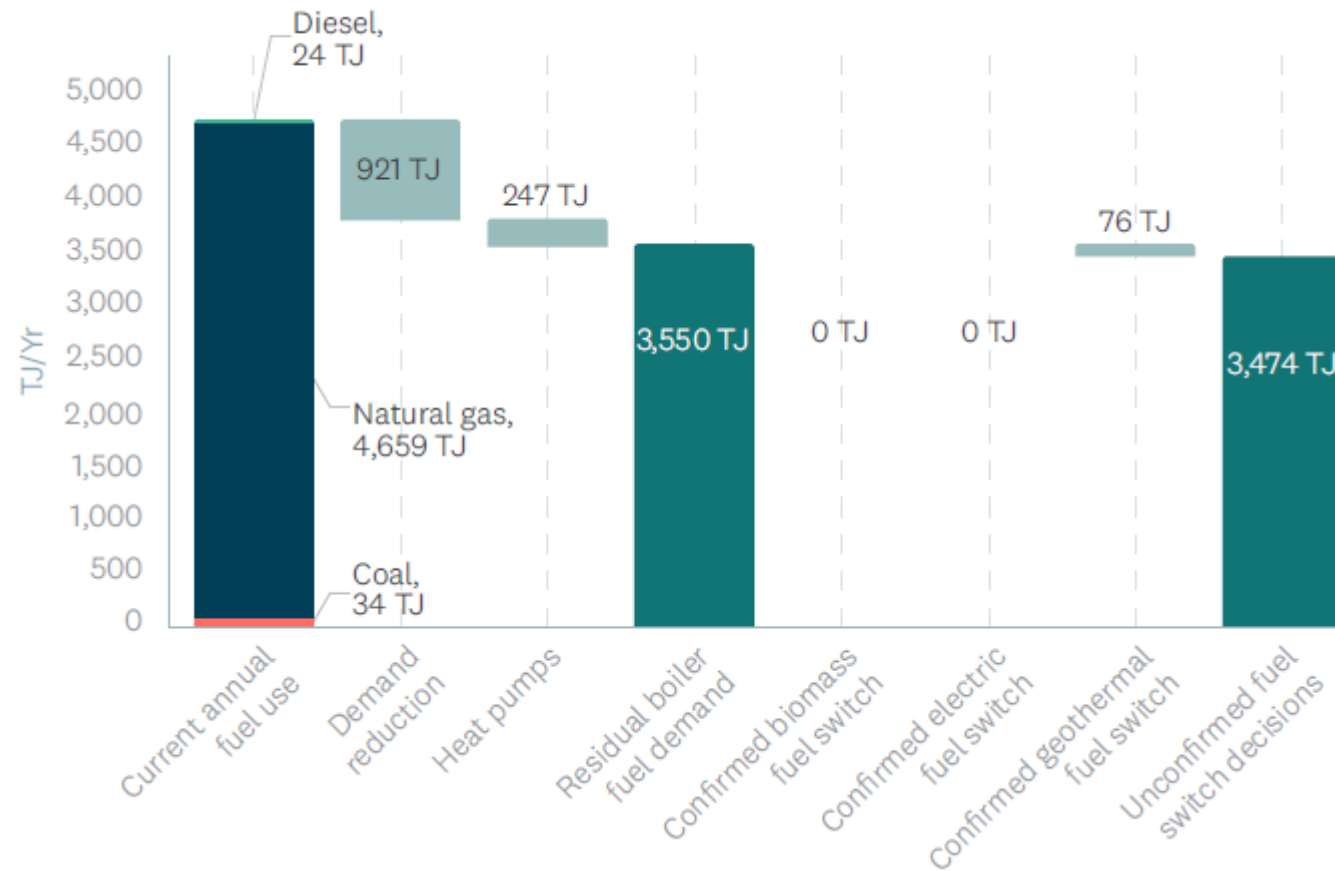
BoP RETA boundary and sites



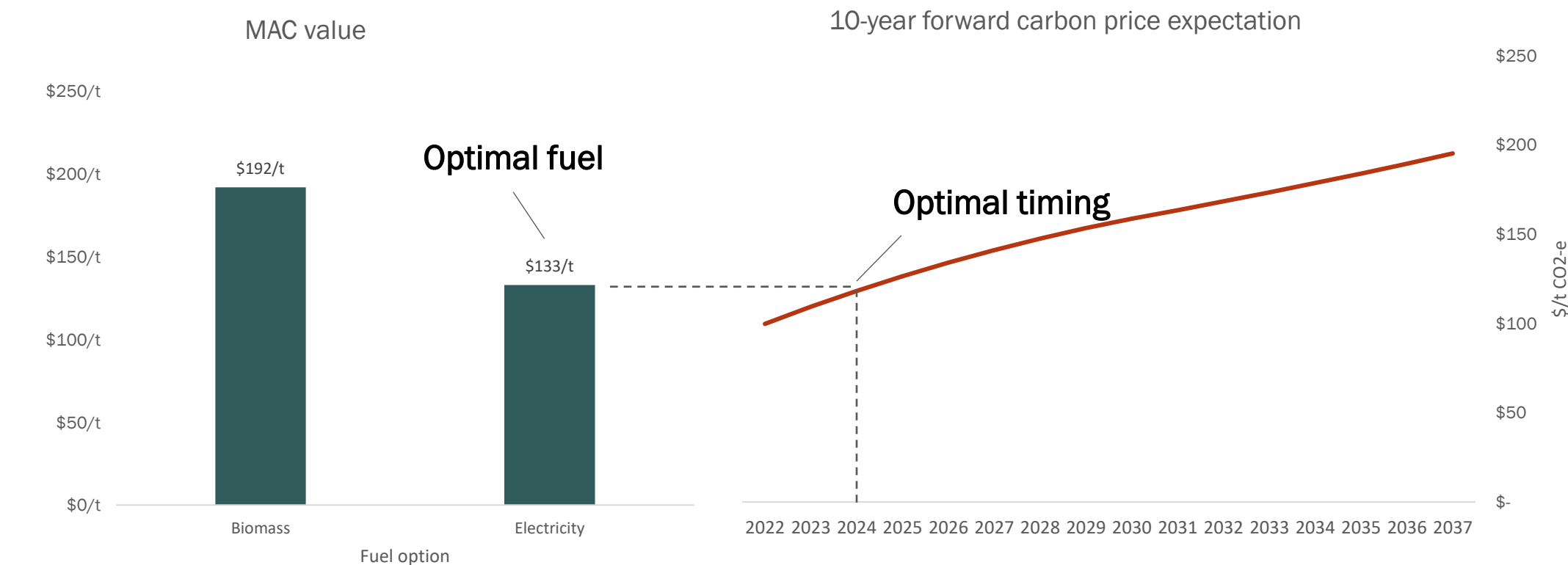
BoP RETA energy use and emissions



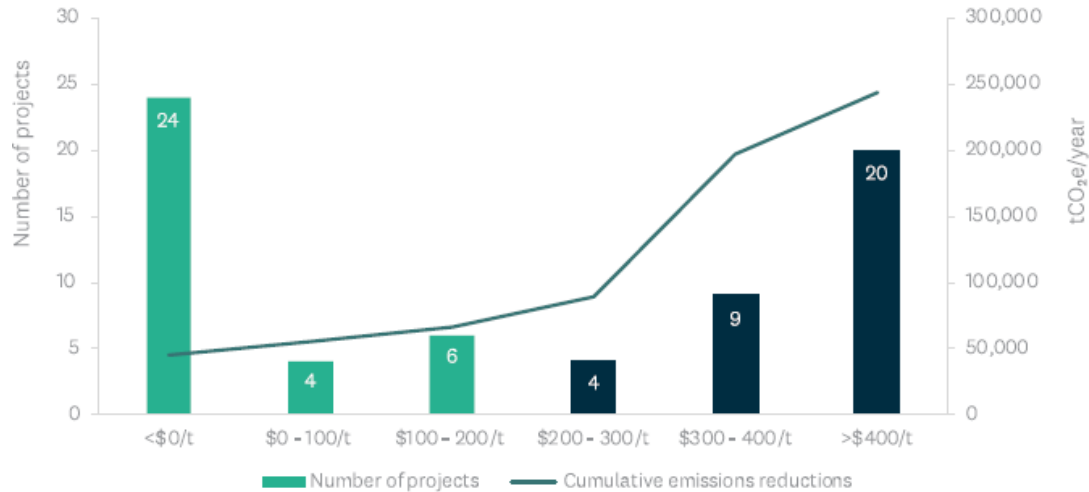
BoP RETA impact of identified demand reduction



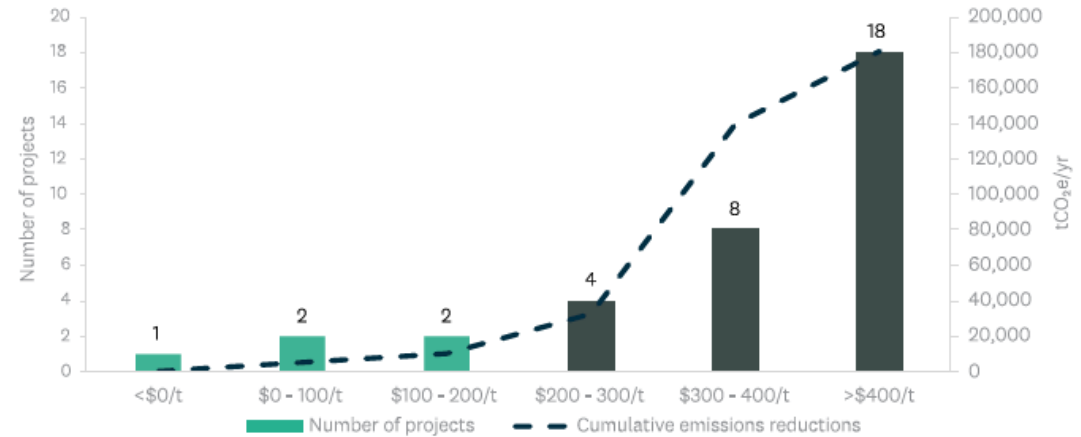
Carbon price-based decision making



Project economics with MAC values

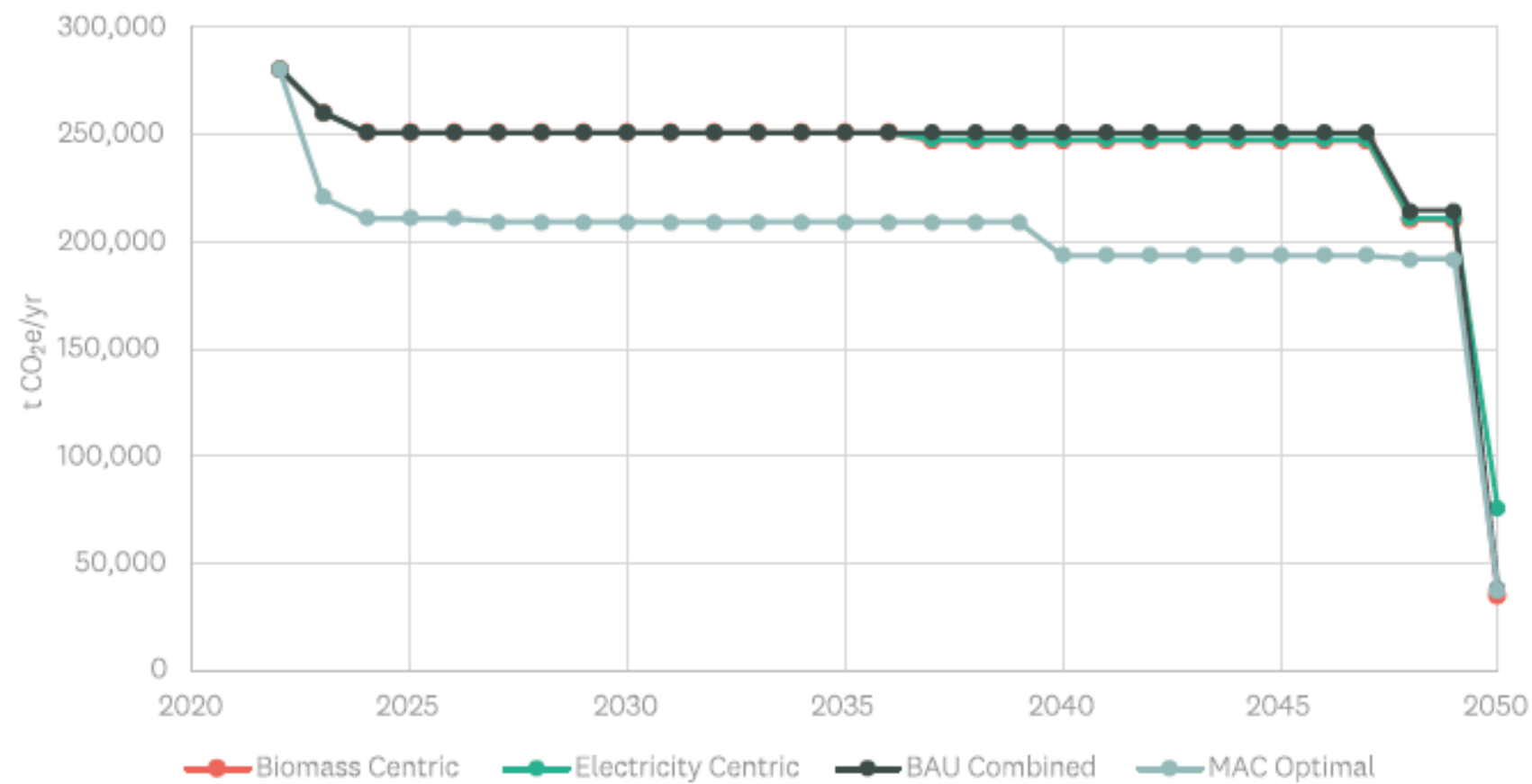


ALL PROJECTS



FUEL SWITCHING PROJECTS

Bay of Plenty emissions reduction pathway



BoP Geothermal Workstream

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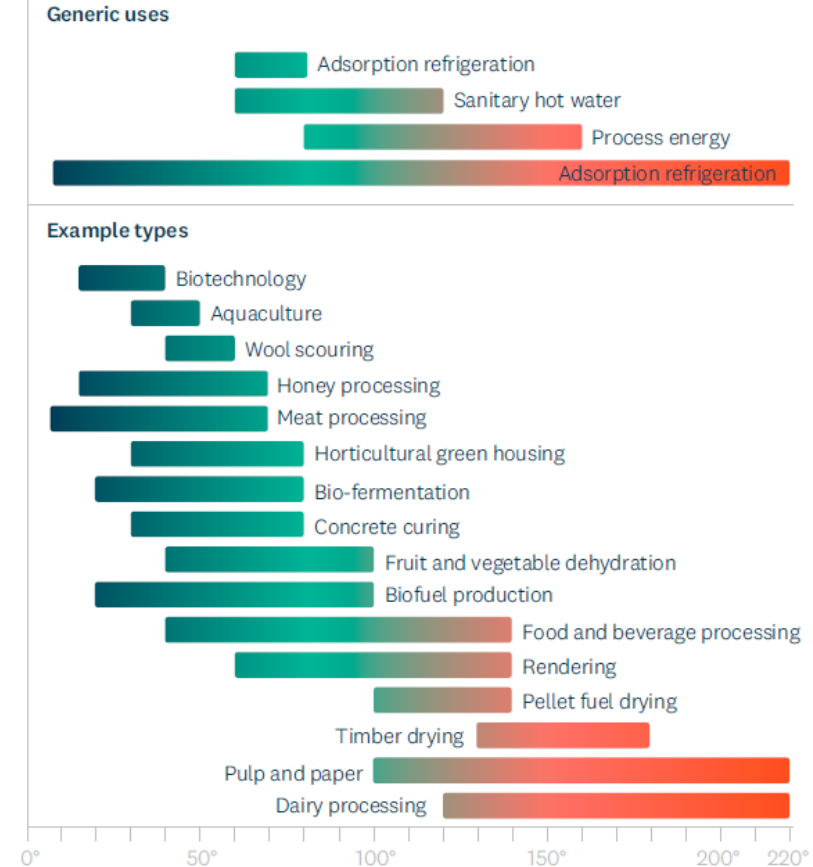
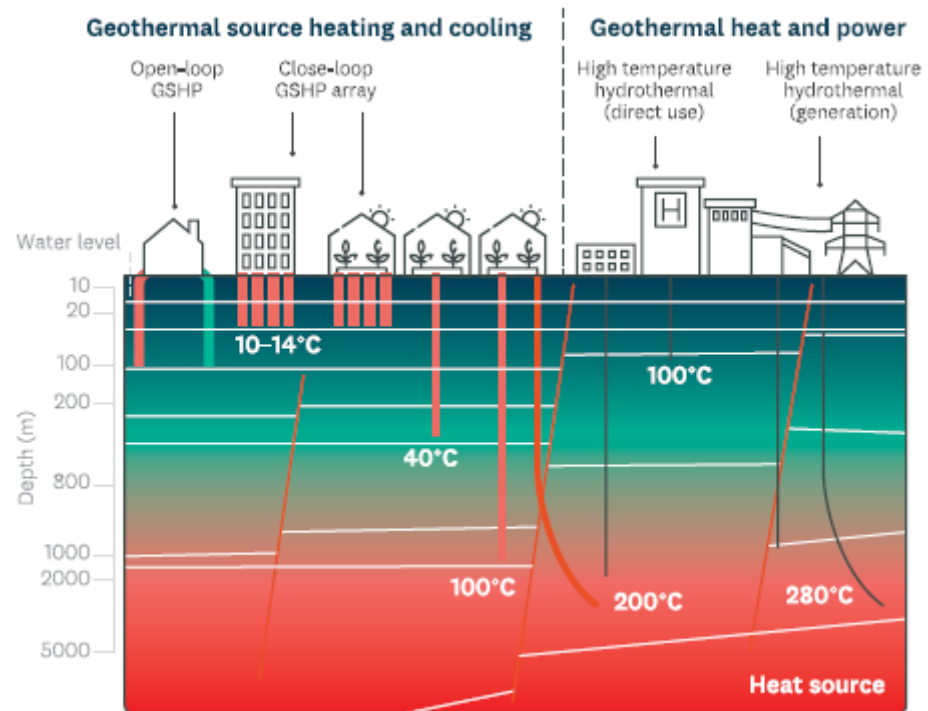
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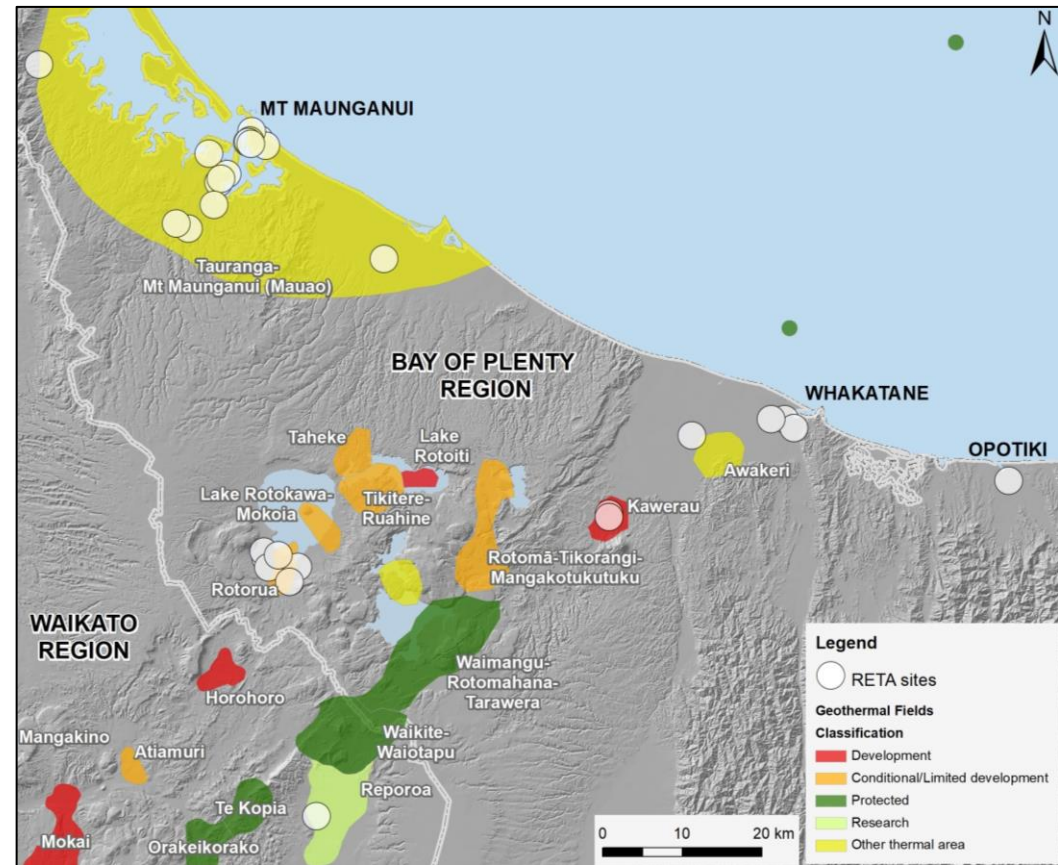
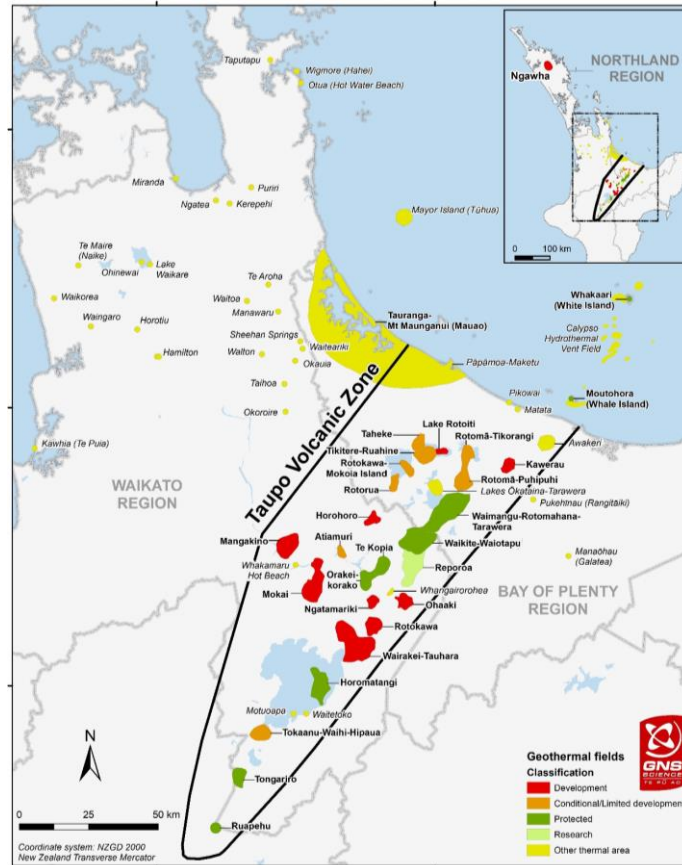
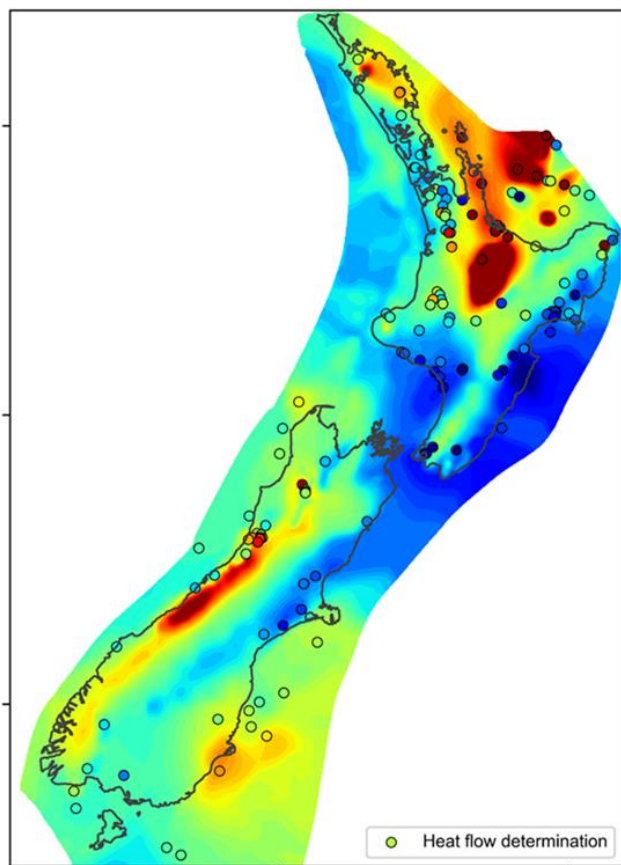
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Geothermal for process heat



Mapping supply and demand



Key opportunities

Kawarau

- Already key contributor to low carbon process heat in BoP
- Still plenty available: 6PJ p.a. @ ~170°C

Reporoa

- Geothermal potential exists circa 260°C
- Exploratory activity required for development (est \$18.5m)
- Plan change to facilitate extraction would be required

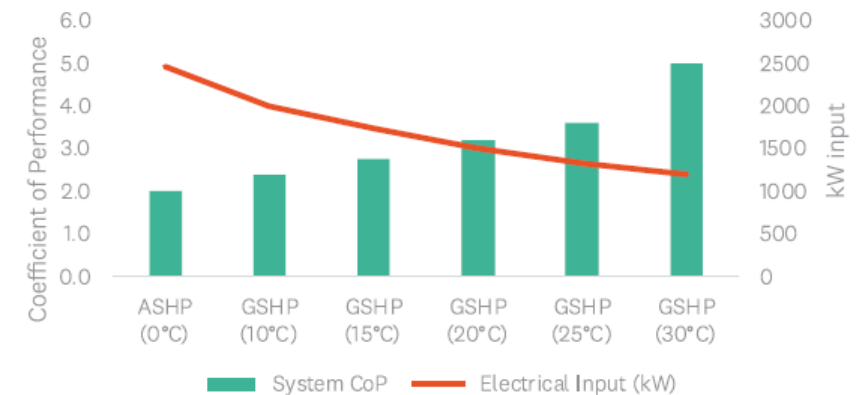
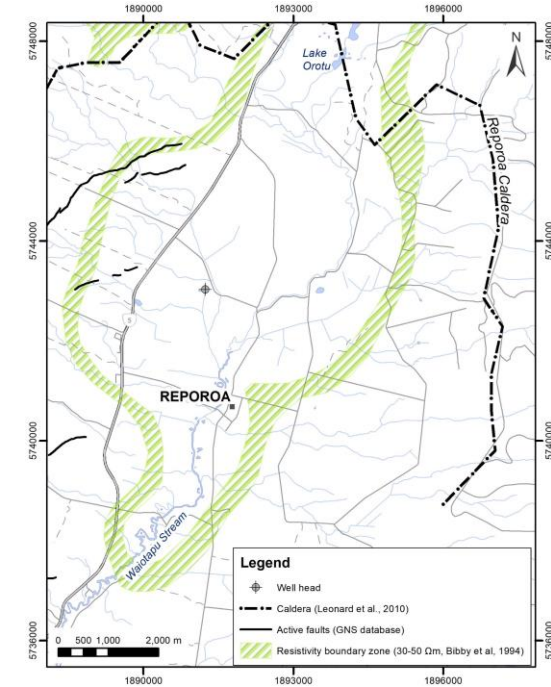
Mount Maunganui

- Geothermally enhanced aquifer
- Concentration of process heat demands – DES opportunity

Low temp Aquifers and GSHP's

- Increased efficiency over airsource, though increased capital
- 'Geothermally enhanced' enhances performance and options
- Significant number of examples in Christchurch

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Four 'case study' sites

Whakatane Growers (heating)

- Low temp Matahina aquifers with GSHP
- Replace coal/gas boilers, abate ~3,700 t CO₂ p.a.
- 35.2 TJ/yr

Whakatane Hospital (Heating and cooling)

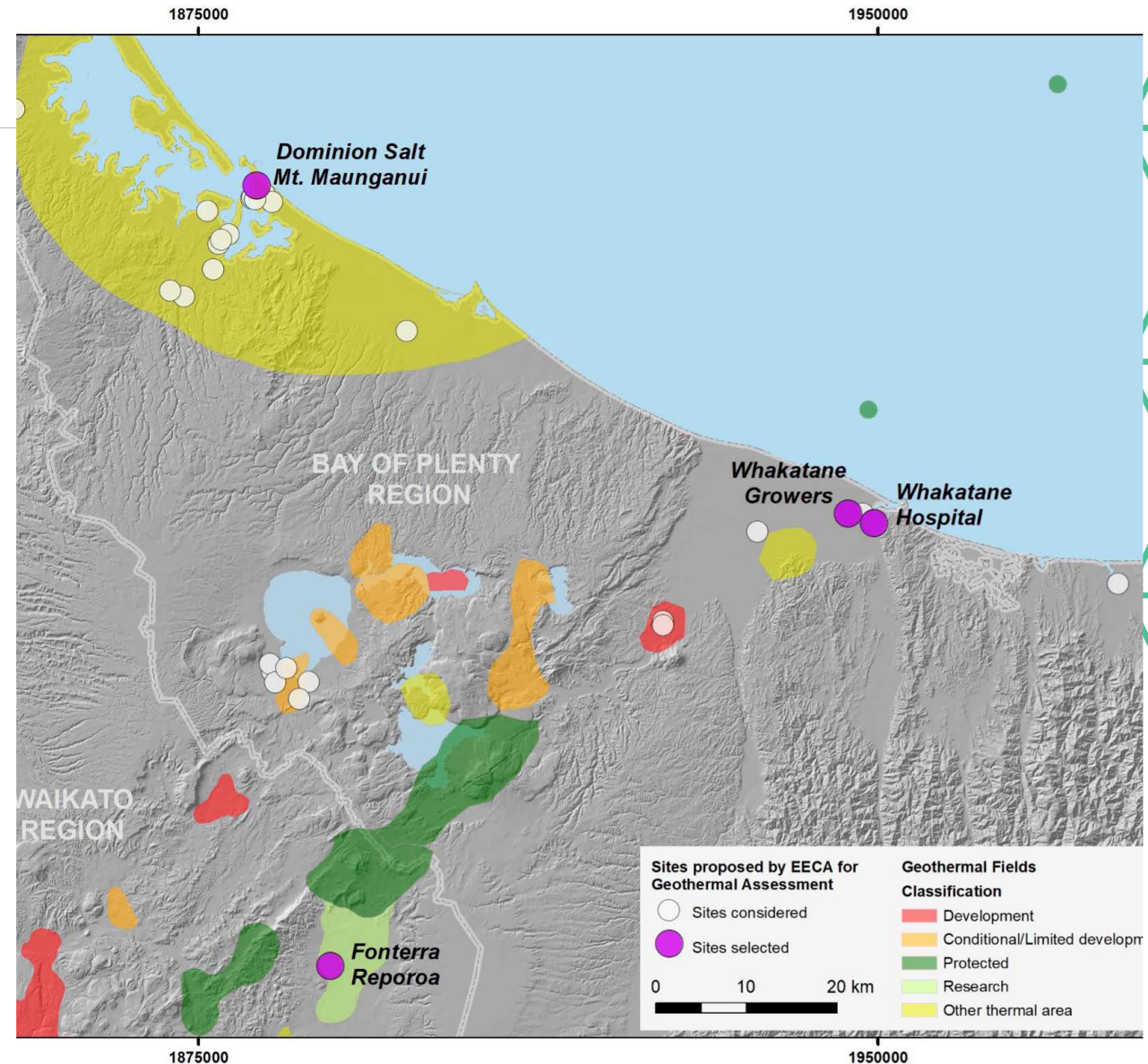
- Low temp Matahina aquifers with sync H&C GSHP
- Replace coal/gas boilers, abate ~210 t CO₂ p.a.
- 17.1 TJ/yr

Dominion Salt (Mt Maunganui)

- Low temp Matahina aquifers with GSHP
- Replace coal/gas boilers, abate ~3,700 t CO₂ p.a.
- 20.7 TJ/yr

Fonterra Reporoa

- Geothermal generated steam 14 barg (198°C)
- Replace Significant portion of gas boiler demand
- 266.9 TJ/yr



Geothermal Insights and Recommendations

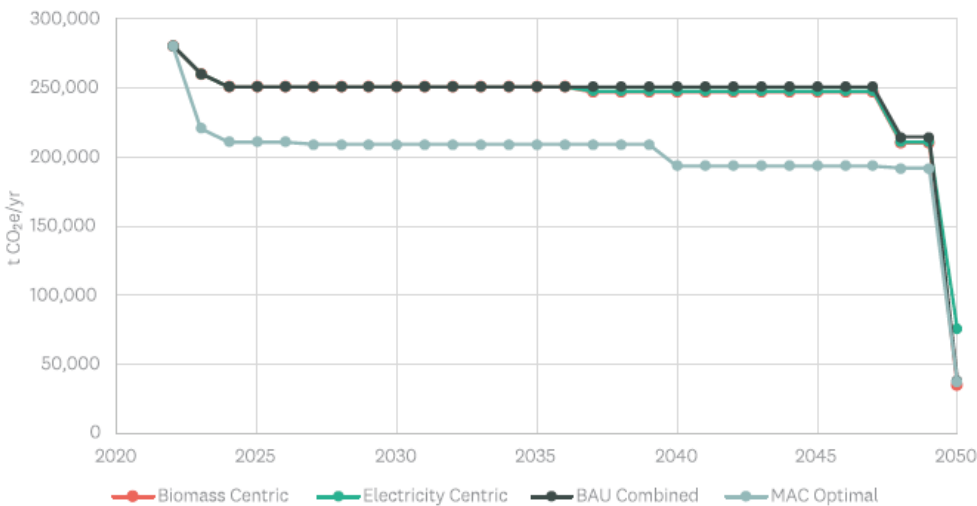
- **More case studies** should be conducted and evaluated to highlight opportunities for low temperature geothermal around the country.
- Pairing **ground-source heat pumps (GSHP)** and high temperature GSHP with low temperature resource should be included in regional economic strategies.
- Funding should be pursued for the exploratory activity necessary to **enable the Reporoa Geothermal Field** to be further investigated as an energy source for industrial use.
- **National guidance on consenting process and subsurface management** for GSHP low temperature geothermal technologies should be commissioned.
- **More economic analysis** should be undertaken on the opportunities for co-location or shared investment of geothermal deep wells, heat transportation over extended distances, and GSHP district infrastructure in New Zealand.
- **A drilling insurance scheme**, similar to the French model, should be investigated for New Zealand to de-risk geothermal applications and accelerate decarbonisation targets.



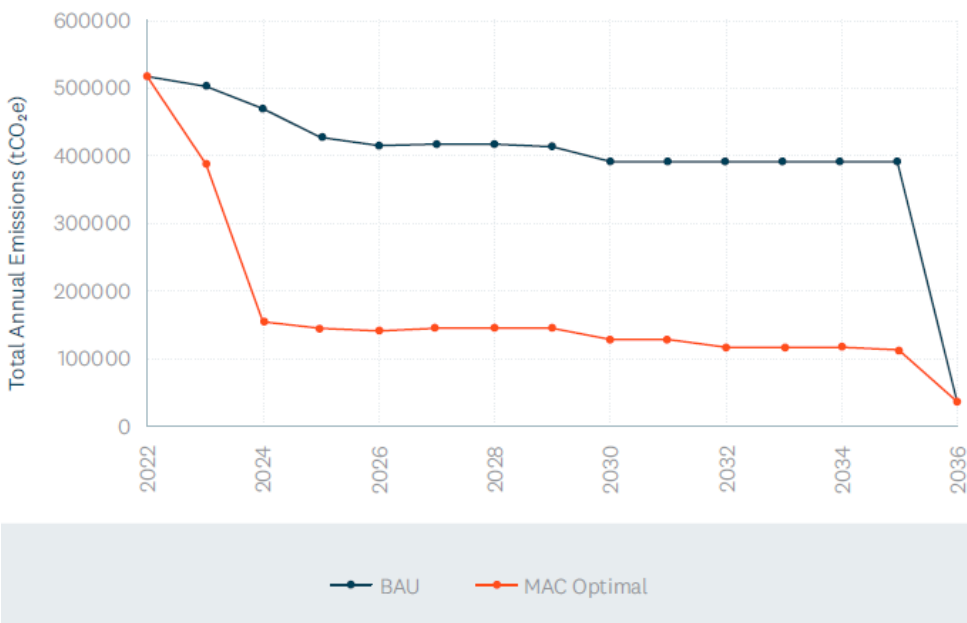
Bend the BoP curve?



Accelerate the optimal pathway



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Mid-South Canterbury

Gas is decreasing and increasingly uncertain

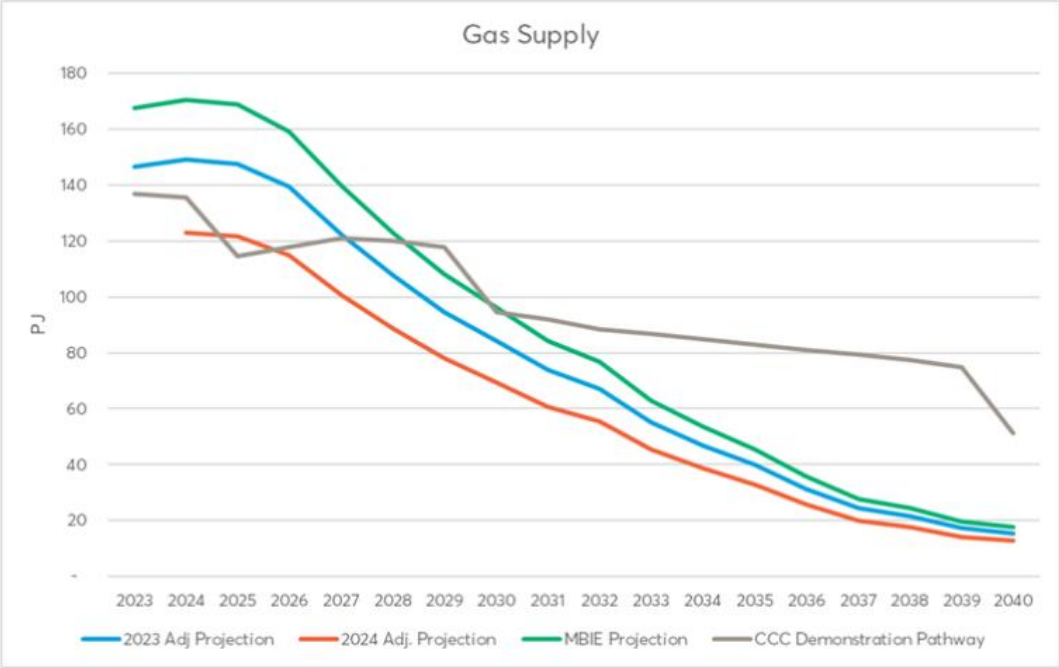
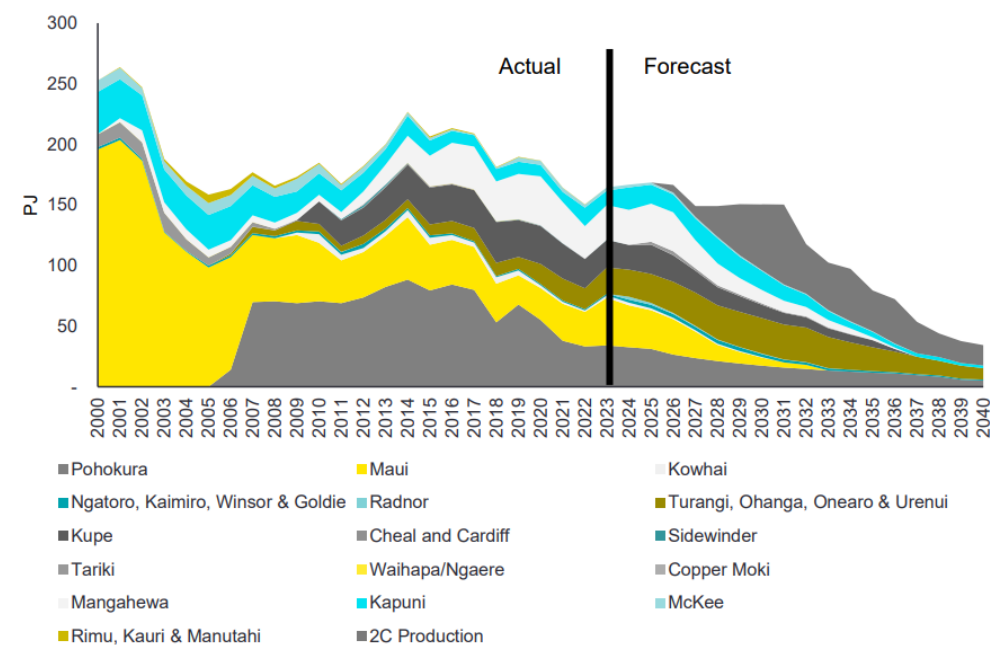


Figure 29: Unconstrained gas supply forecast

Source: Ernst & Young Gas Supply and Demand Study December 2023,

Source: Gas Industry Co Quarterly Update, April 2024

Alternative sources of gas will be more expensive

EY report modelled future gas prices under four different supply and demand scenarios.

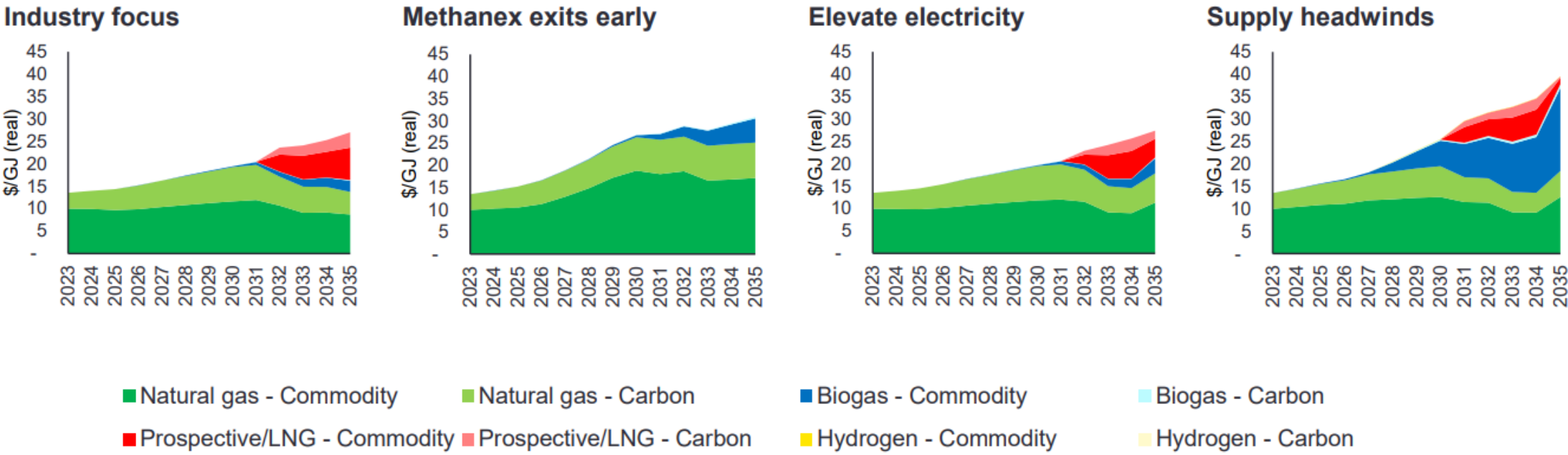


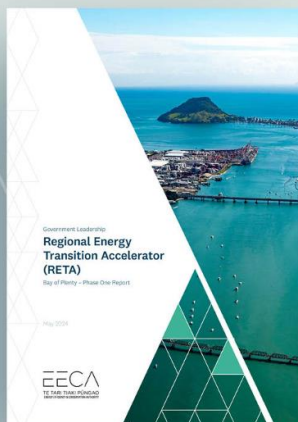
Figure 46: Fuel costs
Energy-weighted average price (bottom row) in each scenario

Opportunities to accelerate BoP

- Gas constraints and prices are starting to bite
- Other global drivers – foreign markets, overseas ownership
- Regulation – National direction on GHG emissions from industrial process heat
- Biomass industry development
 - scale and residue recovery optimisation
 - E-Grade (“Energy Log”) opportunity
 - Geothermal biomass drying
- Demand flexibility and integrated solutions
 - Favourable energy pricing
 - Increased resilience
 - Other revenue streams
- Industry collaboration to progress geothermal opportunities
- EECA targeted support – de-risk first movers and promote replication:
 - Technology Demonstration Fund
 - Process heat demand flex pilots
 - Geothermally enhanced HTHP pilots



Reports and GIS maps



Read the report

Download the Bay of Plenty RETA report and discover the regional benefits of decarbonisation.

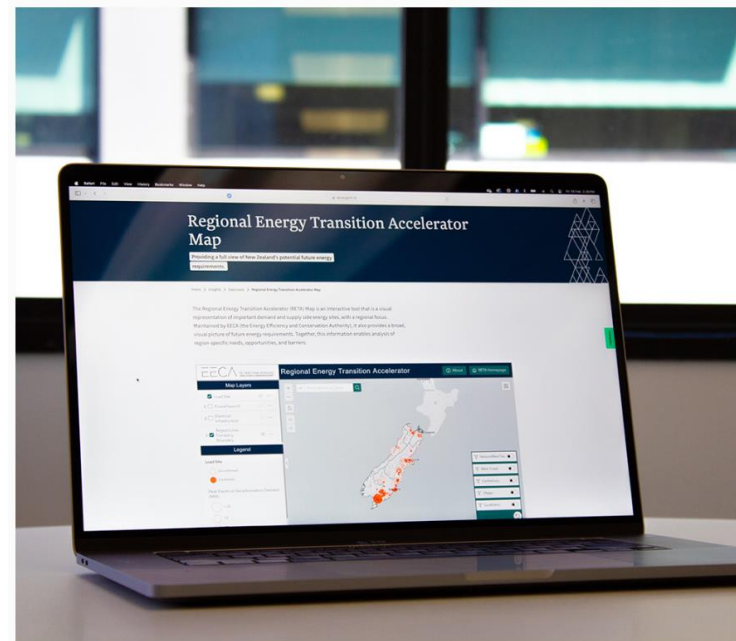
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