QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR CANDIDATE

ENERGY AND ELECTRIFICATION, 2026 ELECTION

Going to a meet-the-candidates event, or got a candidate at your door? These questions work for any party. Ask every candidate the same thing, and compare what each party has announced at the link below.

TOPIC	QUESTION
HOME UPGRADE LOANS	Several parties have proposed low-cost loans for solar, batteries and insulation. Would your party pass the law needed for the Ratepayer Assistance Scheme, and how soon?
RENTERS	What would your party do so renters can get solar, plug-in solar or EV charging where they live?
UPFRONT COST OF EVS	Would your party support letting employees lease an EV from their pre-tax salary, or changing fringe benefit tax on business EVs?
EV CHARGING	What would your party do to get more public and home EV charging, especially outside the main cities?
GAS	Domestic gas supply is falling. What is your party's plan for businesses that rely on gas, and would you help them switch to electricity?
POWER PRICES	What, specifically, would your party change to bring down power bills for households over the next three years?
SELLING SOLAR BACK	What would your party do about the price households and communities are paid for power they export to the grid?
DATA CENTRES	New data centres need a lot of power. Who should pay for that new generation and the grid connections?
TRADES	Who's going to install all of this? What would your party do to train more electricians, plumbers and installers?
THE LONG TERM	Would your party commit to a cross-party energy strategy that lasts beyond one term of government?
WHERE YOU STAND	Your party hasn't announced anything new on _____ yet. What is its position? Check the comparison for topics where a party has nothing new, and ask every candidate the same way.

These questions are based on Rewiring Aotearoa's election asks and on the topics where parties have announced the least. They are the same for every party.

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Compare every party's energy policies:

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