

Datacentres New Zealand 2026 Election Manifesto

Empowering Aotearoa
New Zealand's Digital Future



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National priorities

NATIONAL DATACENTRE STRATEGY

The opportunity is massive but to access it will require coordination between datacentre companies, the electricity market, regional bodies and government agencies. To enable and encourage this coordination a co-designed national datacentre strategy is required to provide vision, alignment and investment direction.

PROMOTE NZ AS A TRUSTED, SUSTAINABLE DATACENTRE HUB

The global demand for AI infrastructure will continue to grow. To be considered a reasonable hub for some of this infrastructure a clear message must be sent to the world. The government can show leadership and invest in the promotion of New Zealand as a trusted, sustainable site for investment in AI infrastructure, creating a new export industry.

COORDINATED INFRASTRUCTURE AND GRID PLANNING

Lack of coordination among datacentre operators and power companies leads to uneven distribution grid demands, with some areas facing high demand while others see little investment. The development of a formal grid planning structure that aggregates datacentre and electricity sectors is needed for effective infrastructure development.

IMPROVE PUBLIC AWARENESS

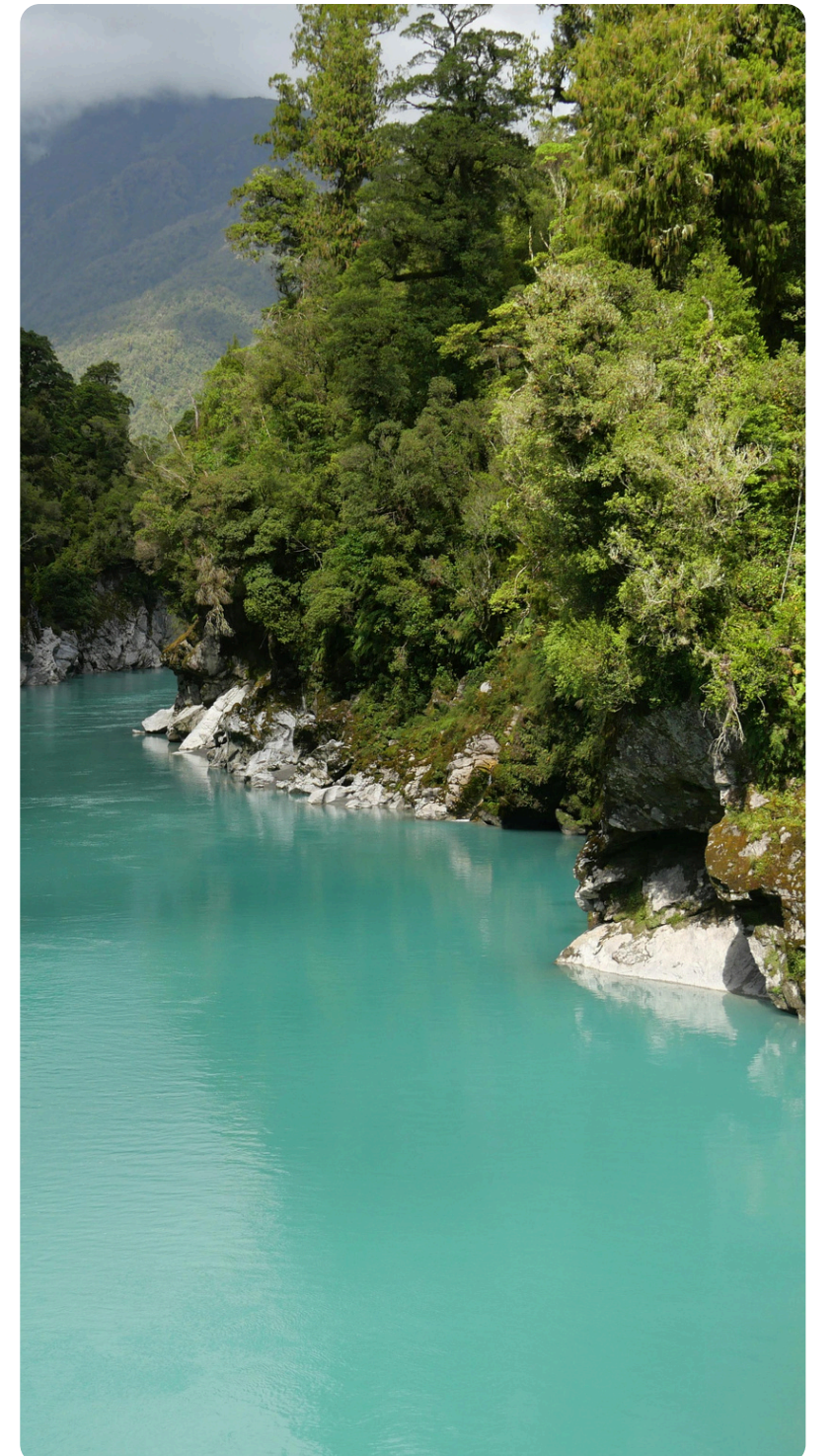
Industry and government must work hard to bring the public on the journey. Producing local evidence to reduce the ongoing extrapolation of irrelevant US market facts by commentators.

LOW CARBON COMPUTE CERT

Develop an internationally recognised certification for compute from New Zealand which could be used to establish the zero- or low-carbon credentials of our compute for overseas buyers.

LIFT AI AND CLOUD USAGE

Increasing the use and uptake of AI and cloud services across the economy will lift productivity and provide the stable domestic demand for local datacentres.





With \$10 billion datacentre investment forecast over the next decade, Datacentres New Zealand plays a vital role, raising awareness and coordinating action on key opportunities, like lifting national productivity and building a new export sector for New Zealand. Working together we can position New Zealand at the forefront of trusted, sustainable data processing, storage and AI infrastructure.

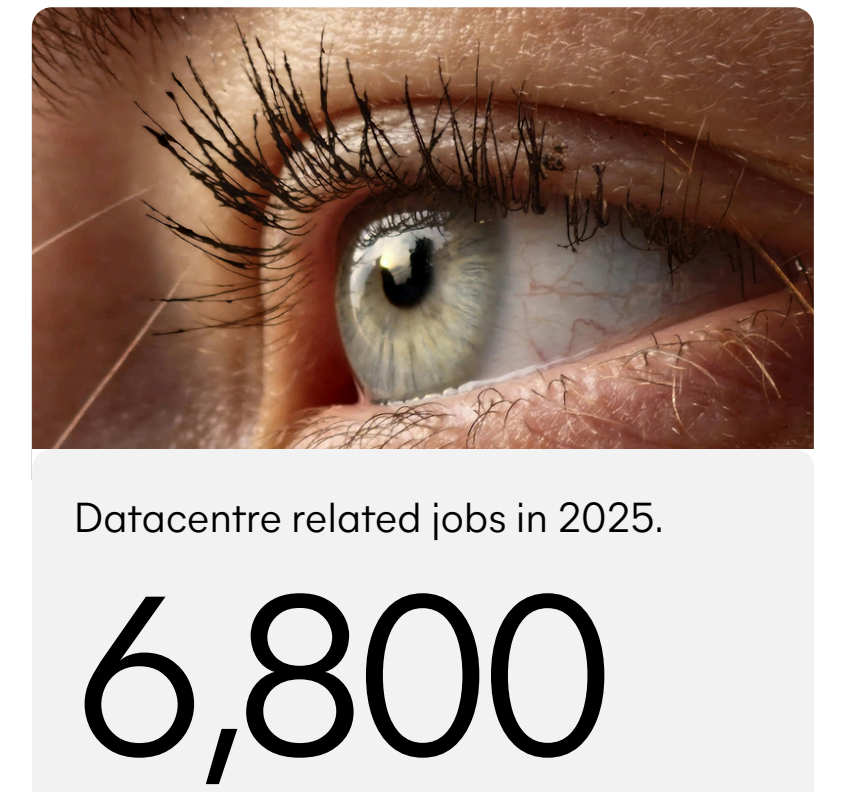
Datacentres are the core of our modern digital lives and economy, underpinning everyday tasks and essential services, while enabling the generational economic opportunities offered by AI.

Datacentres New Zealand is the peak representative body dedicated to ensuring New Zealand maximises those opportunities.

Our vision is for New Zealand to be a hub for trusted and sustainable datacentre and AI infrastructure investment, growing capacity to support national advantage and create new export opportunities.

Datacentres New Zealand is a nationally connected tech community within the Tech New Zealand group. Connecting data centre operators and the broader datacentre ecosystem to strengthen New Zealand's datacentre industry, promote its capabilities and achievements, and help advance national policy and investment.

Together with our members – data centre developers and operators, and the expanding data centre ecosystem – we work collaboratively with government and stakeholders to raise awareness and proactively advance our vision.



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