

# State of Bioenergy in New Zealand

## Providing energy security and underpinning sustainable food for export

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**3:00 pm (NZST) | 11:00 am (AWST)**  
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Ahead of the Bioenergy Association Annual General Meeting, the Executive Officer and the three Interest Group Conveners will present a short overview of the bioenergy and biofuels sectors, along with current Association activities across the solid, liquid and gaseous biofuel streams.

The 2024/25 period has been a pivotal one for bioenergy and biofuels. In fact, more policy and programme activity took place during these two years than in the previous 24 combined. Government policies at the time encouraged investor confidence, driving significant sector growth and laying a strong foundation for the future. This had a big impact on the business of each participant in the sector.

While many of those programmes have since closed, new and powerful drivers are shaping the sector:

- Strengthening New Zealand's energy security and resilience
- Creating fresh income opportunities for the forestry, agriculture and horticulture sector from the processing of production residues
- Supporting exporters to meet buyer requirements that food is grown and processed using sustainable energy, as well as providing exporters with cost-effective industrial heat.

The briefing will highlight the opportunities for business growth across the sector. The AGM documents are available in the members only area of the [BANZ website](#).



**Brian Cox** has worked as the Executive Officer of Bioenergy Association for a number of years and has observed the growth of the use of bioenergy for the wellbeing of New Zealanders.



**Alzbeta Bouskova** is the Convener of the Gaseous Biofuels IG and has been instrumental in making biogas production an important method for recycling organics into energy and biofertiliser.



**Rob Mallinson** was early into the sale and installation of bioenergy heat plant and uses his knowledge and skill as Convener of the Solid Biofuels Interest Group.



**Simon Arnold** is the Convener of the association's activities in liquid biofuels based on his experience in innovation and commercial development of emerging technologies including liquid biofuels.

**Webinar registration:** The webinar will be held via Zoom. Please register using the following link.

[Webinar Zoom link](#)

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