

Geothermal

Geothermal energy is extracted from heat deep beneath the earth's surface. New Zealand is particularly rich in geothermal energy. Read about geothermal energy use in New Zealand, and the opportunities and barriers to developing our geothermal resources.

[Background of geothermal energy in New Zealand](#)

Geothermal energy has been used for hundreds of years – first by Māori and then by European settlers and tourists.

[Geothermal energy policy in New Zealand](#)

The Resource Management Act is the primary legislation relating to geothermal energy use. We are exploring barriers and opportunities to encourage greater use of geothermal energy.

[Geothermal energy information and policy – contacts and further links](#)

Further information about geothermal energy in New Zealand, including contact details for organisations involved in geothermal energy use .