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NEW ZEALAND: AN EMERGING DATA CENTRE AND AI HUB

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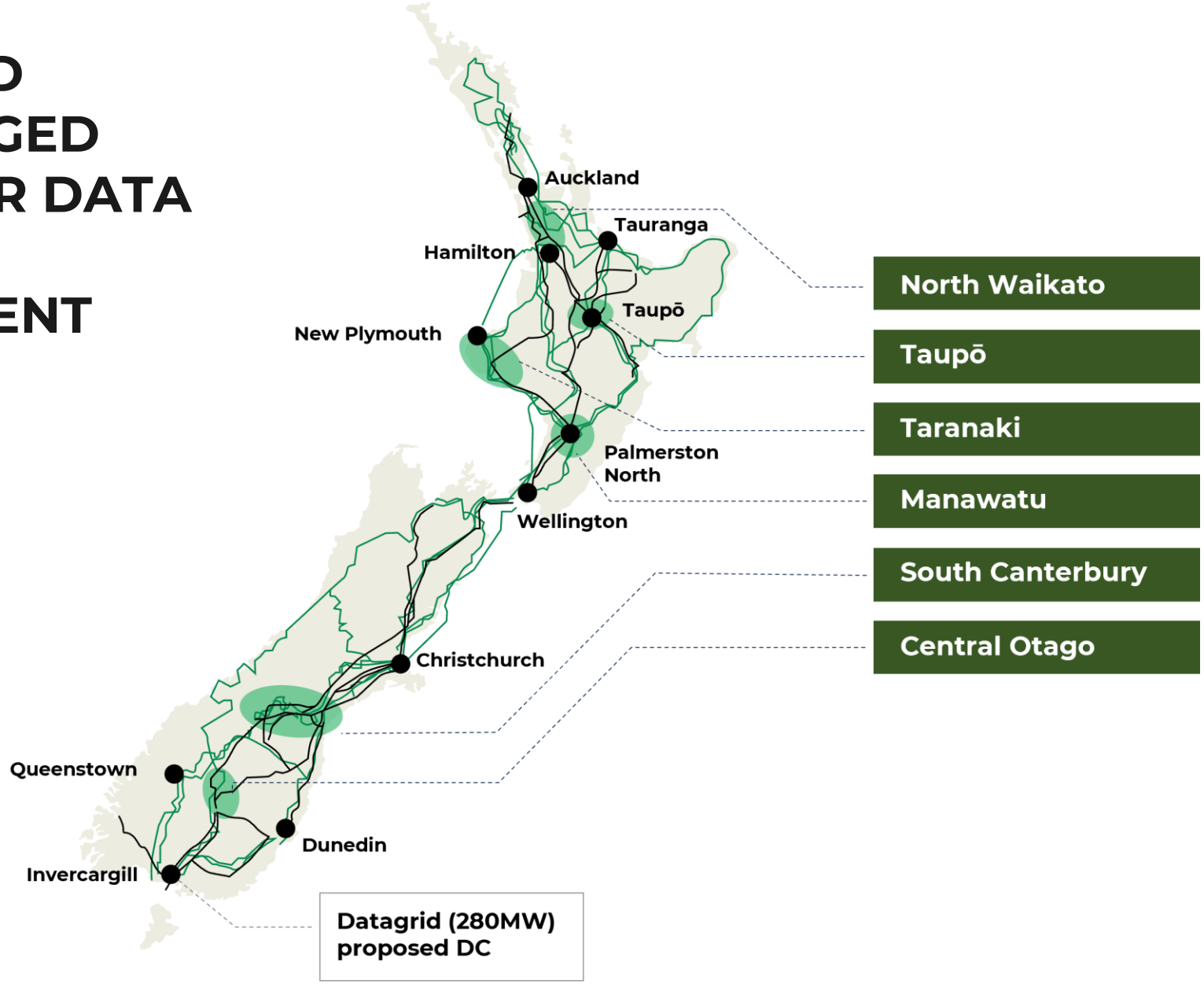


WHY NEW ZEALAND

A RARE COMBINATION OF ADVANTAGES TO CAPTURE A NZ$25-35B OPPORTUNITY

- ABUNDANT CLEAN ENERGY, READY TO DEVELOP
- COMPETITIVE POWER PRICES
- SAFE, STABLE, SECURE
- NATURALLY COOL CLIMATE
- GLOBALLY CONNECTED
- SKILLED WORKFORCE
- RESILIENT NATIONAL GRID
- EXTENSIVE LAND AVAILABLE
- A FOUNDATION FOR SOCIAL LICENCE
- FASTEST PATH TO AI COMPUTE

IDENTIFIED ADVANTAGED ZONES FOR DATA CENTRE DEPLOYMENT

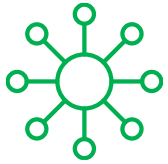


DOING THIS RIGHT

In many parts of the world, data centre development is meeting serious community resistance — water, power, land, who benefits. New Zealand isn't immune to those questions. But we start from a stronger position, with real advantages and the chance to avoid the mistakes other markets have made.

Social licence has to be built proactively. It cannot be defended reactively, after the fact.

INFRASTRUCTURE BENEFITS TO NEW ZEALAND



Network costs

Spread across a wider base



New generation

Funded by data centre demand



Grid resilience

Diversity from new demand



Grid utilisation

Better use of existing capacity



Fibre & connectivity

Faster speeds, more capacity



Private investment

Capital into grid upgrades

ENERGY: DATA CENTRES PAY THEIR FAIR SHARE

1

Fund new generation

New demand underwrites new clean generation that wouldn't otherwise get built.

2

Lift network utilisation

Siting near existing grid capacity helps cover fixed costs, spread across a wider base.

3

Pay their own way

Data centres pay for their own grid connections.

4

Add resilience

Generation underwritten by DC contracts adds diversity and resilience to the grid.

Wholesale electricity prices are down 30–40% in 2026 (Electricity Authority data) - this could make new generation projects harder to justify based on spot-market returns alone. Data centres help address this by providing long-term PPA contracted demand and greater price certainty.

WATER: OUR CLIMATE DOES THE COOLING

13.5°C

National average temperature — a genuine structural cooling advantage

<1.3

PUE for NZ data centres, already below the ~1.5 global average

<1%

Of the dairy sector's annual water use — even a full 1GW of DCs by 2030

Datagrid's Southland facility has consented maximum water use comparable to a mid-sized dairy farm — and most of that draw is rainwater. They are likely to use less - **the industry is moving away from evaporative cooling toward liquid and closed-loop systems, reducing water use further.**

EMPLOYMENT & UPSKILLING FROM 1GW OF NEW DATA CENTRES

~3,500 jobs during the construction programme, and ~1,200 ongoing operational roles

Data Centres

~2,000
Peak headcount in construction

~1,000
Operational jobs

Renewable Generation

~1,200
Peak headcount in construction

~100
Operational jobs

Battery / Firming

~100
Peak headcount in construction

~50
Operational jobs

Fibre & Subsea Cables

~200
Peak headcount in construction

~50
Operational jobs

Each data centre role supports further jobs across the wider economy, and the benefits are weighted to the regions. Training and apprenticeship pathways are being built now, alongside polytechnics and industry skill bodies, so local communities can fill these roles — building long-term regional careers, not short-term contracts.

AN ENABLING ENVIRONMENT

A stable, investable operating environment — predictable regulatory settings, transparent institutions, and a government actively enabling major infrastructure investment.

1

Investment boost - accelerated depreciation

2025 Investment Boost: 20% accelerated depreciation in year 1 , no cap on asset value.

2

Fast-track consenting

The Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 streamlines consenting for nationally significa nt projects.

3

Competitive tax settings

28% corporate tax rate and zero capital gains tax.

4

R&D tax credit

A 15% R&D tax credit supports innovation-intensive investment.

5

Stable & predictable

Transparent institutions and strong rule of law, with government actively backing investment.

BY 2030

New Zealand featured in global site selection - not as a prospect, but as an established hub.

- At least 1GW of capacity operational or under construction
- Economic impact visible in regional New Zealand

Invest NZ's role – the front door for international capital

- We are the coordinating agency for international capital coming into New Zealand. We help investors navigate the system, connect with the right partners, and work through issues to enable investment projects

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