

Developing Offshore Wind In New Zealand

Technical, socio-economic and environmental issues
in relation to a post-pandemic future

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Overview

- Post-Covid-19 opportunities
- Society's Cost of Energy
- Energy needs, wind resources, environmental issues
- Offshore Wind advantages, engineering issues
- Local content & employment
- Financing options
- Post-Covid-19 Development Strategy

Post-Covid-19 Opportunities

- “Build Back Better from Covid-19” (Jacinda Ardern);
- “Just Transition”; local resilience, energy security & community well-being
- The NZ Covid-19 response => model for climate change mitigation
- Reduced vulnerability to a globalised economy
- NZ has advantage of strong response to Covid-19; likely to come across as a safe business space, e.g. as for the movie industry



Societal costs of energy

SCOE - Society's Costs of Energy

- Macro-economic focus
- Benefits and damages internalised
- Long-term, inter-generational view
- Jacobson et al., 2015: conventional LCOE 10.6 c/kWh; SCOE 27.6 c/kWh

“An economy should be designed to thrive, not grow” - Kate Raworth

LCOE - Levelised Cost of Energy

- Micro-economic focus
- Benefits and damages externalised
- Short-term, individualised view



Future LCOEs expected to decline

Future energy requirement (Mason, Gates, Chua & Miller, 2017; Transpower, 2018)

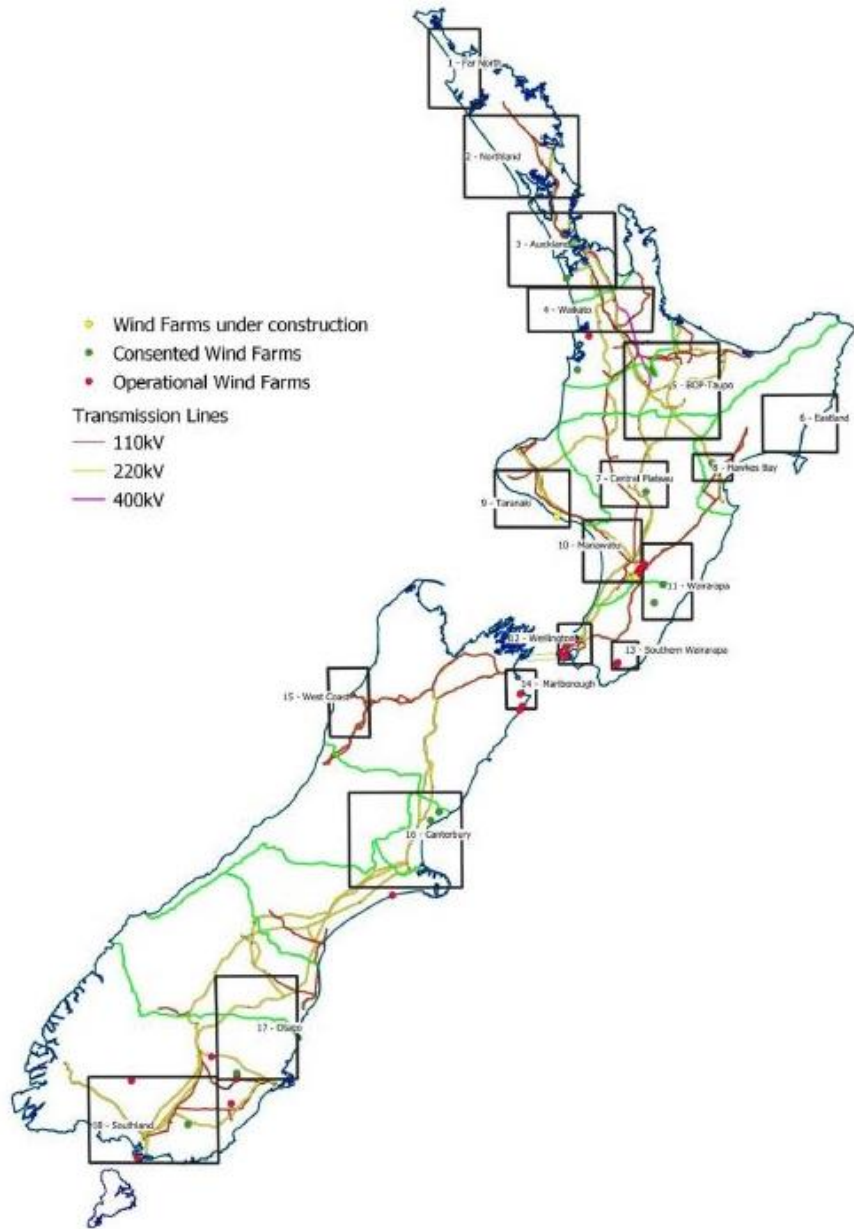
Electrification of
Stationary energy &
transport (incl. T&D)

41,580 GWh/y
+ Hydrogen?

2050 projection:

- 90,000 GWh/y
- +50,000 GWh/y

More than 2x present
electricity production



Wind Resources

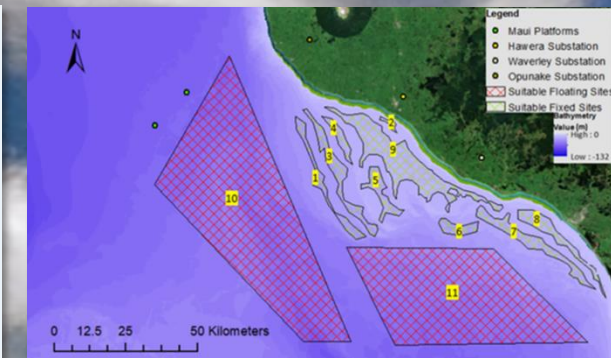
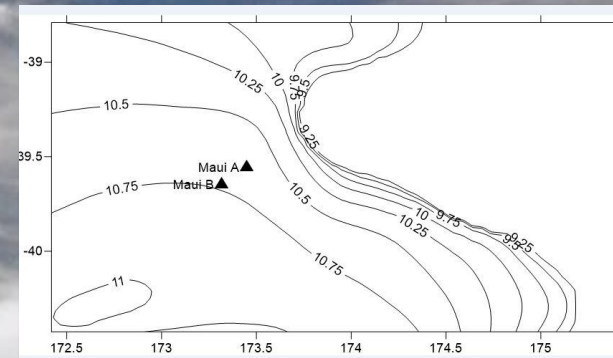
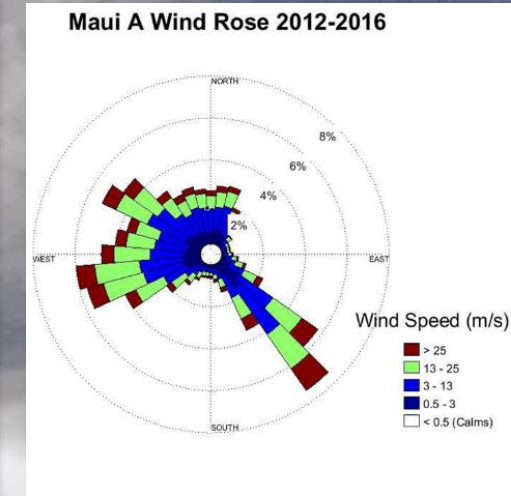
(Roaring 40s/MBIE, 2020)

- Onshore projection (78 sites):**
 10,800 MW, 36,900-41,900 GWh/y; 120 m
- Offshore projection (3 sites):**
 8000 MW, 28,300-32,100 GWh/y; 120 m
- Offshore Taranaki projection:**
 2000 MW, 7703-8730 GWh/y; 120 m

South Taranaki potential

(Ishwar & Mason, 2019; Wind Map - Thorp, 2020)

- Mean wind speed: 10.1 to 10.7 m/s at 105 m => 10.3 to 10.9 m/s at 120 m
- Fixed: 7016 MW, 28,460 GWh/y, 877 turbines; 1065 km²; Floating: 4680 km²
- Electrical, financial, social, & environmental issues...





Visual Impact

Offshore Wind Farm

Climate change



View from Beach at 99th Street Distance to nearest turbine: 12.8 miles 50mm lens December 21st 7:45pm Image Size: 15" x 10" View at 20° when printed on 11x17 [\[Enlarge\]](#)



Environmental impacts

- Marine life; vibration/noise
- Sediments/water quality
- Birds & bats
- Coasts; tidal currents, wave heights, surfing
- Decommissioning
- Enhanced marine life => recreational diving; enhanced fishing



Advantages

- Generation easier to predict
- **Greater wind speeds/reliability**
- Less wind shear/turbulence
- High capacity factors: 40%-60%
- “No” limits on turbine capacity
- **“Easier” to transport components**
- Can be ‘Out of sight, out of mind’ – both turbines & transmission
- **Large infrastructure projects, creating growth and innovation**
- High local content potential
- Low SCOE

A large offshore wind turbine stands in the ocean under a cloudy sky. The turbine is white with a yellow base. The sea is dark blue with white foam from the boat's wake. The sky is filled with grey and white clouds.

Disadvantages

- Weather impacts on construction & maintenance
- **Specialised vessels needed**
- International supply chain required (NZ too small to go it alone)
- Visual impact < 54 km
- **Higher LCOE**

Design background



Foundations - Monopiles

- Length: 40-90m
- Diameter: 4-8m
- Thickness: 30-120mm
- Weight: 200-1300t



- **Simple structure**
- Easy to install
- **Low natural frequency**
- Sensitive to soil conditions
- Cheap
- 3-10 MW turbines
- 10-45m water depth



Foundations - Jackets

- **Stiffer than monopile**
- Efficient load transfer
- Can accommodate various turbine sizes
- Complex dynamic interactions
- Expensive to fabricate

Floating
offshore
wind



Offshore substation

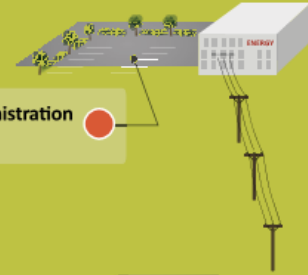
- Transmit electricity to shore
- Generally unmanned, remote controlled from land
- Stabilize and maximise voltage of power generated offshore
- Reduce electrical losses
- Maximise return on investment
- Provide emergency offshore refuge



Local content opportunity – O&M

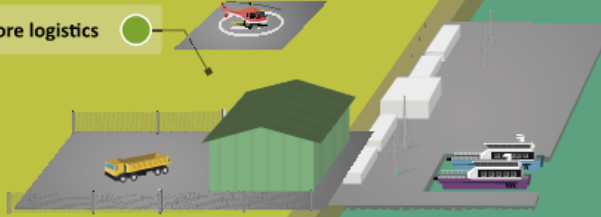
This poster gives an overview of the key offshore wind operations and maintenance activity covered by this guide. Activity is centered on the seven categories which are colour-coded and used throughout the guide.

Offshore logistics



Back office, administration and operations

Onshore logistics



~12NM

~40NM

Export cable and grid connection

Turbine maintenance

Array cable maintenance

Foundation maintenance

WORKBOATS

WORKBOATS WITH HELICOPTER SUPPORT

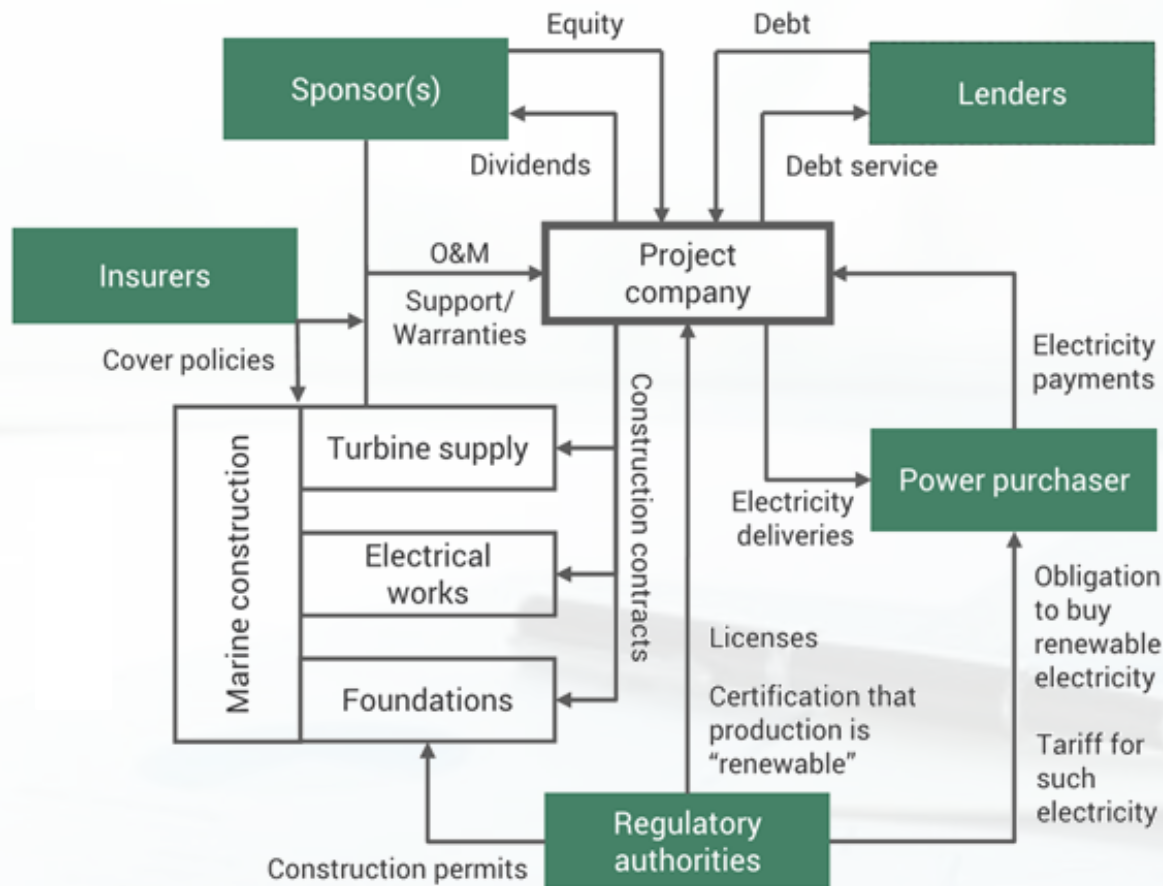
OFFSHORE BASE

Operations & Maintenance Supply Chain

- Onshore logistics
- Workboats
- Aviation
- Crane barge services
- Offshore accommodation
- Turbine maintenance
- Turbine spare parts
- Offshore substation maintenance
- Export cable surveys and repairs
- Onshore electrical
- Array cable surveys and repairs
- Scour and structural surveys
- Foundation repairs
- Lifting, climbing and safety equipment
- SCADA and condition monitoring
- SAP and marine coordination
- Weather forecasting
- Administration



Project Finance



- Network of Contracts
- Risk Management
- Financial resilience

Working Group

NZ Offshore Wind Working Group

- Professional engineers, energy industry personnel, planners, academics...
- Networking, conversation, sharing ideas, information, data, experiences
- Slack site: Offshore Wind & H₂; 35 international & national participants
- Links with Oceanex



New Zealand Offshore Wind Working Group

Star of the South

- First Australian OWF



Roadmap for development

- Long-term plan; considerable onshore wind likely in short term
- Consultations – developers, banks, central government, supply chain participants, local manufacturers, local communities
- Legal & consenting procedures & timelines
- Local content requirements e.g. 30-70%
- Identify & target specific industries e.g. hydrogen, ammonia (shipping)
- SCOE analysis for Taranaki (not everything can be assigned \$\$ value)
- Establish a wellbeing framework – an inter-generational view in the context of climate change





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