

POAL transitioning to electrification: why, how, when and future resilience

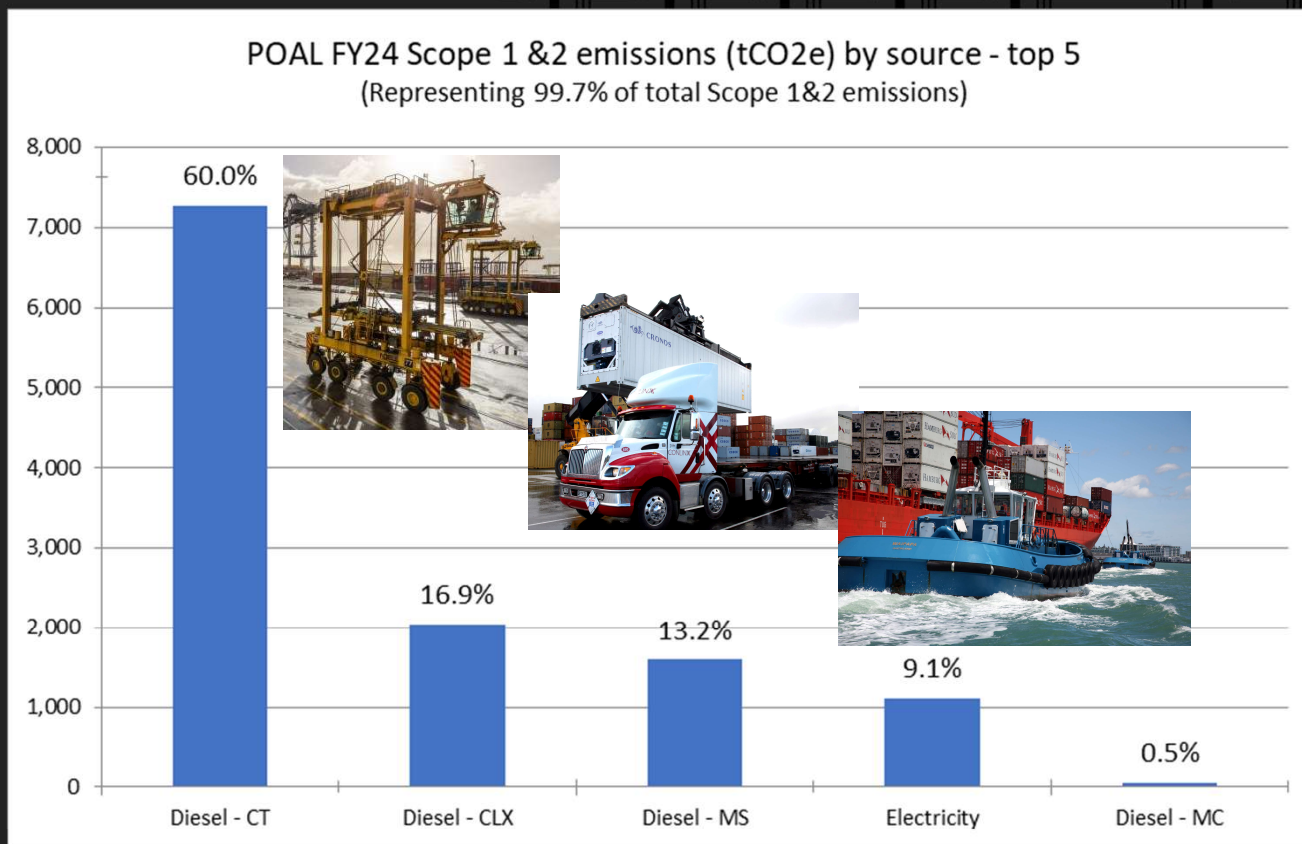
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GHG inventory, Target & Strategy – the Why?



FY24
12,104 tCO₂e
(Scope/Category 1 & 2,
location based)



Zero emissions
by 2050

Sustainability



Caring
for
Aucklanders



Genuine
harbour health



Meaningful
climate action

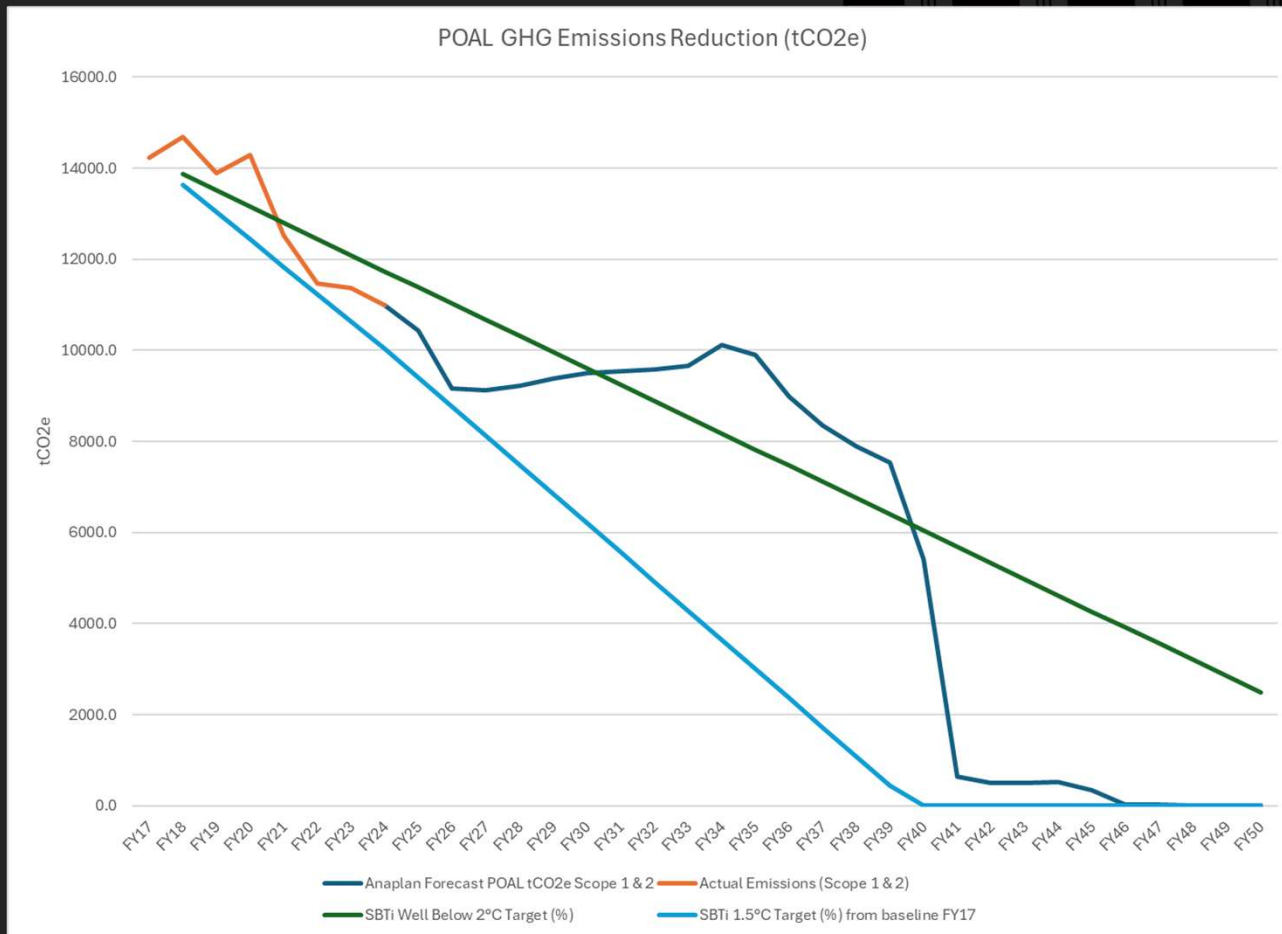


Driving towards
a circular
economy



Sustainable
business in
Auckland

How and When? Emissions reduction roadmap



Based on replacement of end of life port equipment with zero emission equivalents

Hydrogen? Electric?

Model built in financial planning and forecasting software (Anaplan) for currency and accessibility

- Asset register
- Actual monthly diesel
- Capex schedule
- Budget forecast

Part of business budgeting and planning processes

Sparky

IN
OPERATION
SINCE 2022



364 tCO₂e

FF11

Empty container handler

IN
OPERATION
SINCE LAST
WEEK!



67 tCO₂e

55% electric
light fleet



E-equipment challenges and learnings

Limited options

Cost more – kit + charger

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ENERGY EFFICIENCY & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

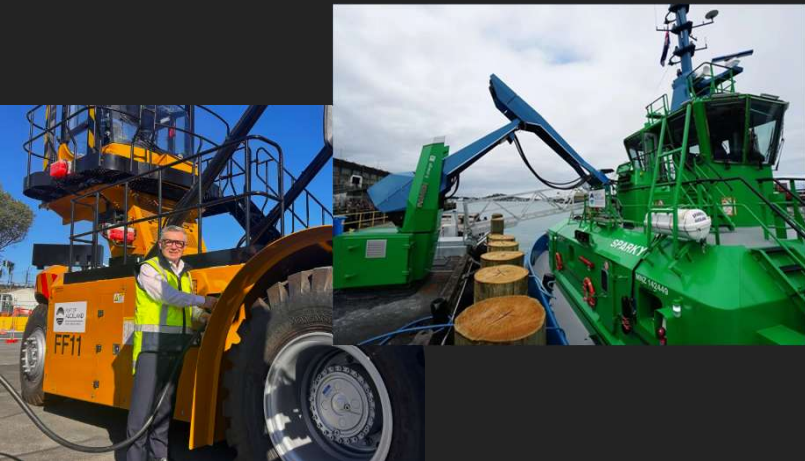
LOW EMISSION TRANSPORT FUND

Operation & Maintenance costs less

Charging: where, how & when?

24/7 Operation : Change the way we work? Additional units?

Operator training



Future resilience – Climate Risks

Auckland Council
Group = CRE

Climate-related
disclosure - XRB
Climate Standards

Assessment of
Climate related
physical & transition
risks
-> Climate
Adaptation Plan for
future resilience

Physical risks:
NIWA climate info for
Auckland -
Hot-house scenario

7 priority risks

Hazard	Present day (1986- 2005)	Mid Century RCP8.5 (2050)	End of Century RCP8.5 (2100)	Potential Impact on POAL Infrastructure	Potential Impact on POAL Operations
Temperature	15°C	+0.9°C	+3.3°C	Vulnerability of temperature sensitive infrastructure	Potential increase in worker heat stress.
Hot days (above 25°C) annually	15 to 24 days	+10 to 20 days	>70 days	Increased power demand for reefers and air conditioning loads. Additional shade / temperature controlled infrastructure for	Potential impact on national / regional grid capacity and/or operation.
Cold nights (below 0°C) annually	Auckland CBD: 1 night Hunua Range: up to 8 nights Northwest of the region: up to 5 nights	0 to 2 fewer cold nights	0 to 3 fewer cold nights in most of the region. Hunua Range: up to 8 fewer cold nights	N/A	N/A
Drought (Dry days) annually	237 dry days	+3 to 9 days	+ 12 to 21 days	N/A	Potential impact on national power generation capacity / operation of national grid.
Precipitation (average annual)	1200 mm – 1800mm	-5% to +5% change	-5% to +5% change	N/A	N/A
Extreme weather (100-year event, 24 hour event)	160-240 mm	+8% rainfall depth (24hr, 100yr)	+28% rainfall depth (24hr, 100yr)	Potential for increased damage to buildings and infrastructure and increase repair and maintenance costs. Increased risk of water ingress to underground infrastructure. Potential increase in dredging volumes and/or disposal costs (contaminated sediments) due to increased sediment load from City. Increased build /replacement costs to meet updated infrastructure and building design specifications.	Impact on shipping schedules / arrivals due to weather events. Impact on port operations due to weather events Impact on port access through problems with roads and rail system. Potential for increased damage to port cargo equipment Impact on supply chain Potential impact on operations due to inability for localised forecasting.
Sea level rise	Represented by mean high water spring tide 10%	+0.3 m	+0.8 m	Potential overtopping of eastern terminal riprap from sea level rise combined with storm surge. Potential inundation of Kingslow and central roadway of Shed 51. Increased risk of coastal erosion / increased repair and maintenance costs	Similar impacts for operations as sea level risks will be exacerbated by storm surge and adverse weather events.
Mean wind speed (MSW)	4.9m/s MWS	-1% to -2% MSW	-4% MSW	N/A	N/A
Increased fire weather (Very High and Extreme forest fire danger days)	8.3 days	+40% to 50%	+50% to 100%	N/A	Potential impact on national power generation capacity / operation of national grid

Risk: Power supply

POAL is totally dependent on a secure supply of electricity.

Any disruption to supply caused by:

- increasingly severe storms resulting from a changing climate, or
 - increased demand from transition to a low carbon economy (both POAL specific and nationally),
- will impact port operations (particularly cranes and reefers) and support services.

Availability of supply

Vulnerability of supply

Solutions for POAL

- Electrical Masterplan – maintained and kept current

- Communication with providers

- Upgrade infrastructure to ensure resilience

Generate our own power on-site

Contingency plans for outages

Future power supply resilience solutions

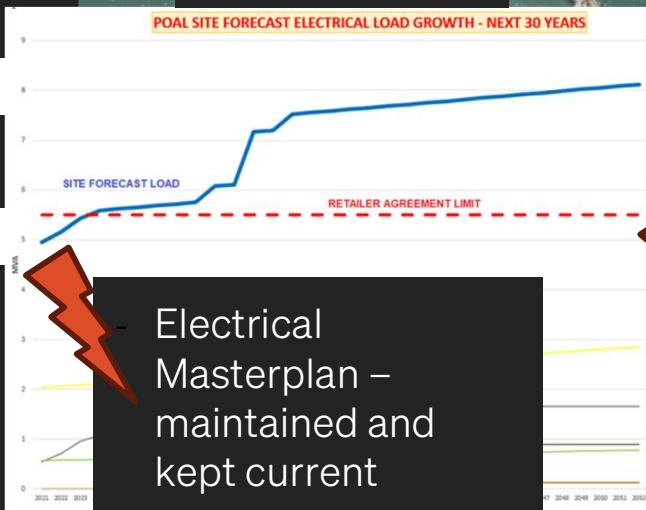
Demand

Outside Port

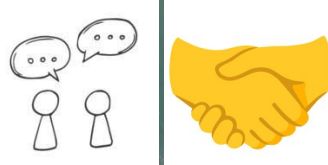
Inside Port

8MVA

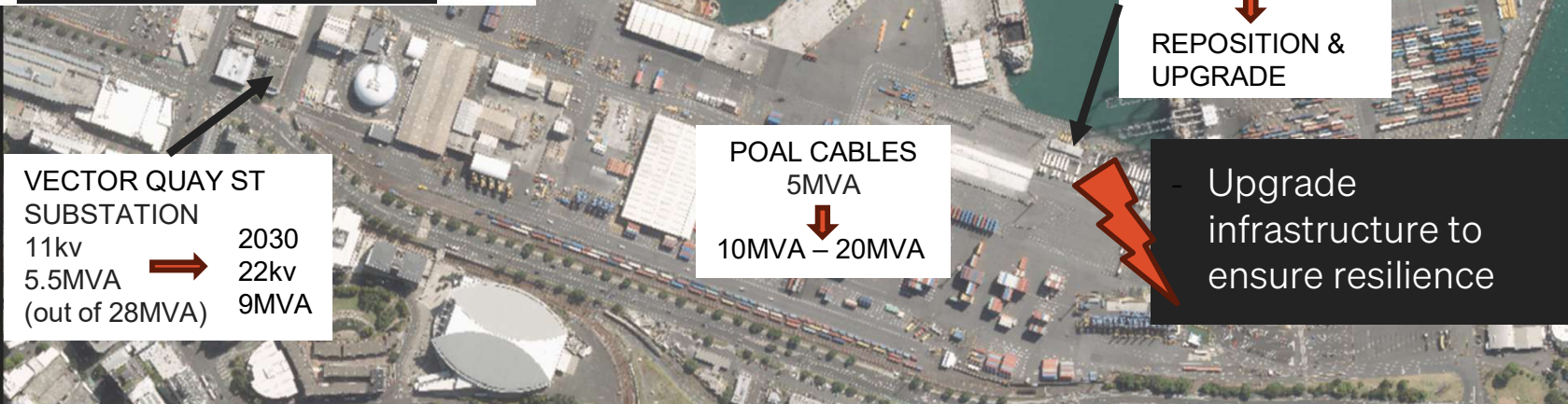
5MVA



Electrical Masterplan – maintained and kept current



Communication with providers



VECTOR QUAY ST SUBSTATION
11kv
5.5MVA (out of 28MVA) → 2030 22kv 9MVA

POAL CABLES
5MVA
↓
10MVA – 20MVA

POAL FREYBERG SUBSTATION
↓
REPOSITION & UPGRADE

Upgrade infrastructure to ensure resilience



Generate power on-site

- Bledisloe Wharf Carhandling Building Solar array
- 1,400 panels
- Estimated to generate 6% of current demand (800MWh per annum)
- Payback of less than 7 years
- Aiming for at least 20% of current demand over next few years
- Feeds into Port baseload

Contingency plans for outages

- Studies to maximise use of on-site power generation underway to enable use of some cranes
- Integrating the onsite solar generation with crane regeneration won't allow full crane operation, but it will be interesting to see just what is possible.....

Thanks

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Do you have any questions?

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