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The Voice of New Zealand's Insulation Industry

EECA Warmer Kiwi Homes Continuity

Finish the job. Avoid the gap. Protect the value.

30 Jun 2027

Warmer Kiwi Homes:
Finish the Job, Avoid the Gap, Protect the Value.

EECA Warmer Kiwi Homes is funded to 30 June 2027. Beyond that date, there is no confirmed continuation pathway.

IAONZ's position is simple:

Finish the job.
Too many older homes still need support.

Avoid the gap.
A stop-start funding gap will damage delivery capability.

Protect the value.
This programme delivers strong returns for households, health, energy efficiency and New Zealand.

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THE JOB IS NOT COMPLETE.

Warmer Kiwi Homes has delivered significant benefits, but **the work is not finished.**

Many older homes still need insulation, efficient heating and practical support to become warmer, drier and healthier.

It is estimated that 300,000 homes remain needing insulation based on the current deprivation 5-10 settings.

The next phase of the programme should focus on reaching those households, not stepping away from them.

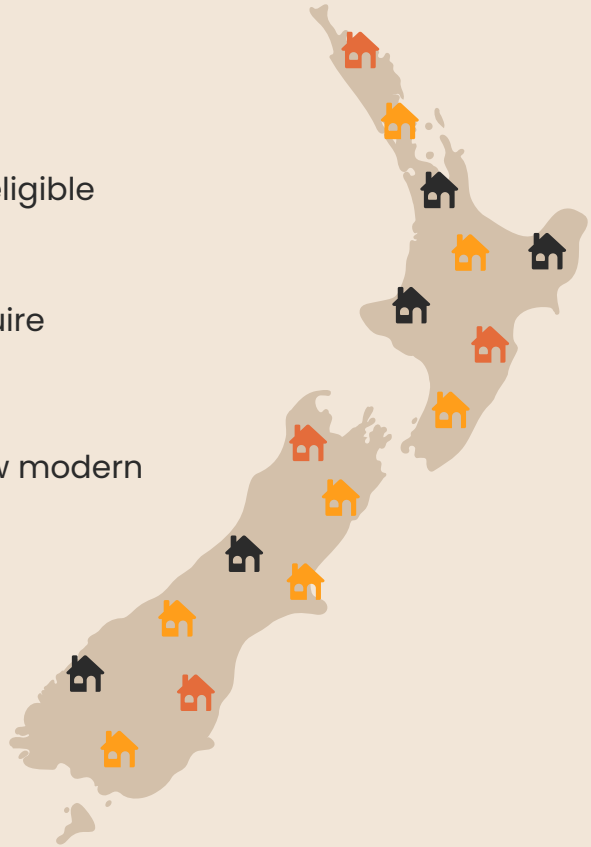
Progress Since 2008

0 **447,100 (21%)** **2.1 million**

140,000
Homes may still be eligible

300,000
Homes may still require insulation upgrades

830,000
Homes remain below modern insulation standards



53% **of New Zealand homes could benefit from improved insulation**

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STOP-START WILL DAMAGE WARMER KIWI HOMES DELIVERY CAPABILITY

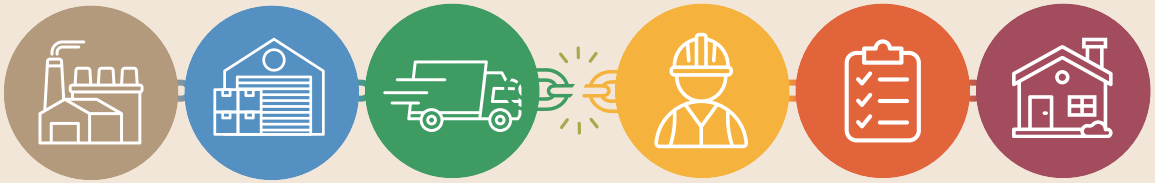
Warmer Kiwi Homes is not just a grant scheme.
It is a proven national delivery system.

It relies on trained installers, service providers, product suppliers, assessors, administrators, regional contractors, quality systems and trusted local referral networks.

700 people were identified by WKH service providers and product suppliers as directly involved in programme delivery.

If the work stops, the people, skills, supply planning and regional coverage will not simply wait around.

A funding gap would risk losing people, skills, supplier planning, regional coverage and community trust.



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WARMER KIWI HOMES NEEDS CERTAINTY BEFORE THE END OF 2026

The risk does not start on 1 July 2027. **It starts earlier.**

Service providers, installers, suppliers and community partners must make decisions about people, training, contracts, stock, vehicles, equipment and regional coverage well before the current programme ends.

A decision made too late may still create a delivery gap, even if funding is eventually restored.

Decision certainty is needed before the end of 2026 so procurement, contracting and industry planning can protect a no-gap pathway beyond 30 June 2027.

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MORE THAN $4 BACK FOR EVERY $1 INVESTED

Warmer Kiwi Homes is backed by strong evidence.

The Motu cost-benefit analysis found that the programme delivers benefits across energy, comfort, wellbeing and health.

For every $1 invested, the programme returns more than $4 to New Zealand.

This is not simply a cost to government. It is an investment in **warmer homes, lower energy use, reduced hardship, healthier households, local jobs and better long-term housing performance.**

A proven return should not be put at risk by a funding gap.

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GOVERNMENT FUNDING HELPS LEVERAGE ADDITIONAL MILLIONS IN LOCAL SUPPORT

Warmer Kiwi Homes provides the national funding platform. Local and community funders then help households complete the upgrade.

Across the programme, councils, trusts, energy companies, lines companies, charities and community funders have contributed additional support, often helping turn a subsidised upgrade into a fully funded one.

Government funding opens the door.
Local funders help get the job finished.

CENTRAL GOVENMENT GRANT

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LOCAL TOP-UPS ←

TRUSTS

COUNCILS

CHARITIES

LINES COMPANIES

ENERGY COMPANIES

COMMUNITY FUNDERS

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HOME COMPLETED

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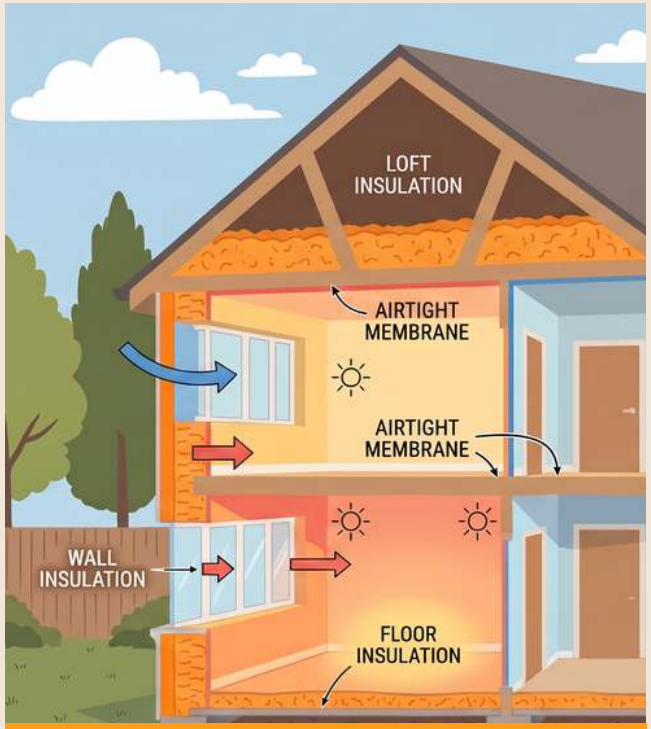
SAVE ENERGY FIRST. THEN GENERATE IT

IAONZ supports solar, batteries, efficient heating, hot water and electrification.

Future upgrades like solar, batteries and electrification deliver better value when the home itself performs well.

The cheapest energy is the energy saved by a well-insulated home.



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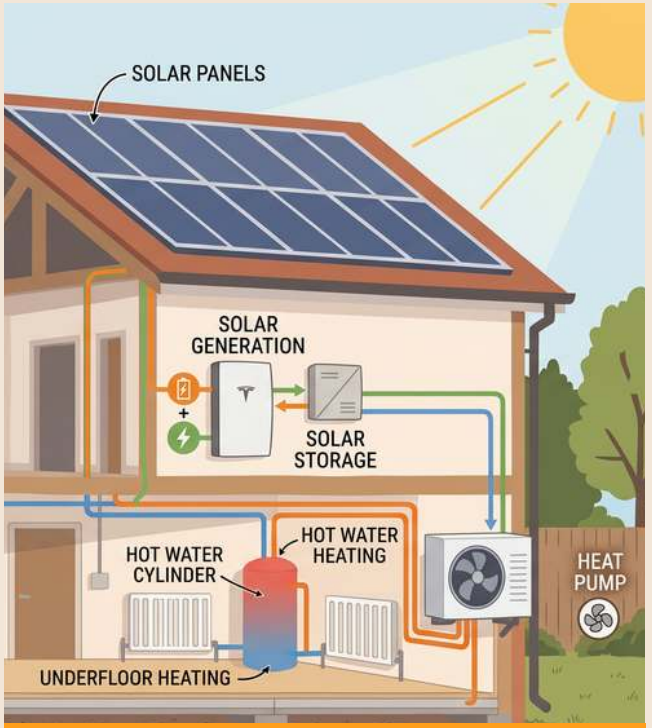

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BUILD THE NEXT PHASE FROM THE WARMER KIWI HOMES PLATFORM

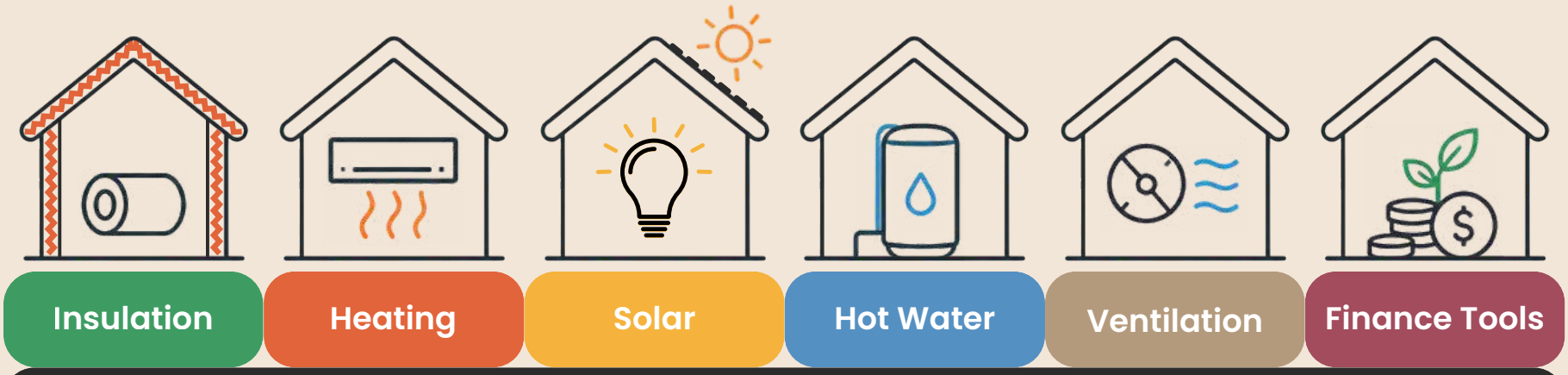
IAONZ agrees that Warmer Kiwi Homes should should **continue to evolve.**

It can include better referral pathways, stronger community partnerships, insulation, efficient heating, solar, hot water, ventilation, electrification and future finance tools.

But evolution needs a stable delivery platform.

If Warmer Kiwi Homes is allowed to lapse, New Zealand may have to rebuild the very network that already exists.

Evolve it. Don't lose it.



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IAONZ is asking all political parties and decision makers to support a practical no-gap pathway.

IAONZ asks for:

1. **Confirm continuation before the end of 2026**
   Give households, providers and the sector enough time to plan.
2. **Avoid any delivery gap after 30 June 2027**
   Ensure funding, procurement and contracting supports continuous delivery.
3. **Protect targeted insulation and heating support**
   Keep the thermal envelope at the centre of support for older, colder homes.
4. **Build future upgrades from the existing platform**
   Add solar, electrification, hot water, ventilation and finance options from a stable base.
5. **Recognise the full delivery ecosystem**
   Include service providers, installers, product suppliers, community organisations, funders and regional partners.

Warmer Kiwi Homes has delivered warmer, drier and healthier homes across New Zealand. But the job is not complete, and the delivery system cannot be paused without risk.

A no-gap pathway beyond 30 June 2027 protects households, funders, providers, installers, suppliers and regional capability.

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Protect the value.