

2026 SOSA - Reference Case and Sensitivities Consultation Questions

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Question 1: Do you agree with the proposed assumptions used for the reference case? If not, please provide further details and what you consider would be reasonable alternate assumptions.
- Gas reference supply case should be set to the low case and a new lower case used for the sensitivity. - Changes to net electricity demand for Fonterra Whareroa and Edgecumbe due to co-generation staged shutdown needs to included in reference case.
Question 2: Do you agree that the proposed sensitivities represent the key security of supply uncertainties facing the New Zealand electricity sector over the assessment horizon (2026-2035)? If not, please provide further details and which of the proposed sensitivities you would replace with alternatives or remove (if not needed).
The 100MW of electrification in both islands should be left in the sensitivity modelling for demand increases.
Question 3: Do you have any feedback in relation to our proposal to introduce an 'Expected Future' case for SOSA 2026? If so, please provide further details.
Question 4: Do you have any feedback on the combination of the Reference case and sensitivities we currently think the Expected Future case should comprise? If so, please provide further details.
- As outlined above the demand needs to be set to high due to process heat electrification, data centres, and transport electrification. - The gas scenario needs to be set to low. - The other scenarios are appropriate.

