

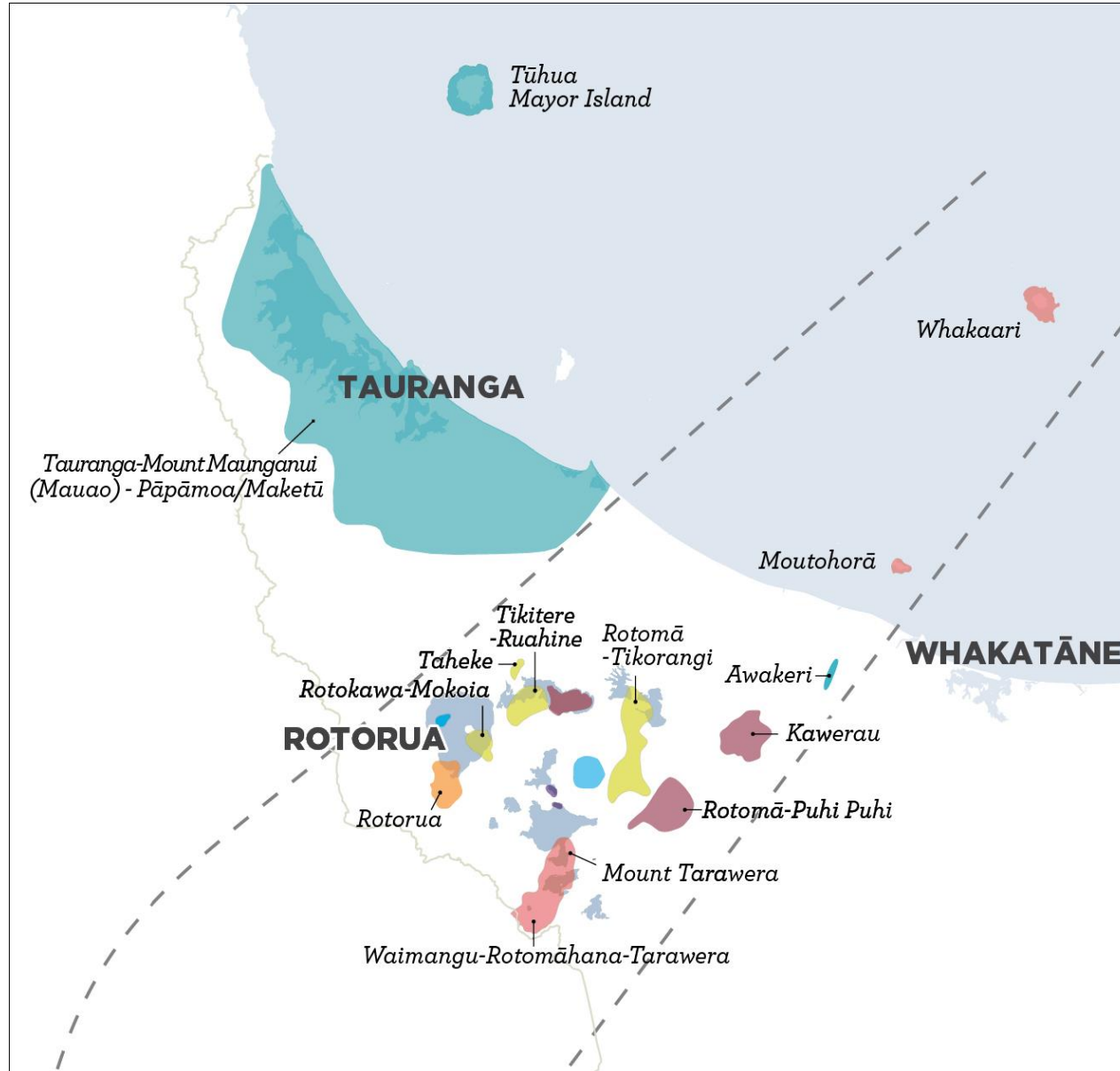
# • Low Temperature GeoHeat



- Priority One information session
- 7 November 2024

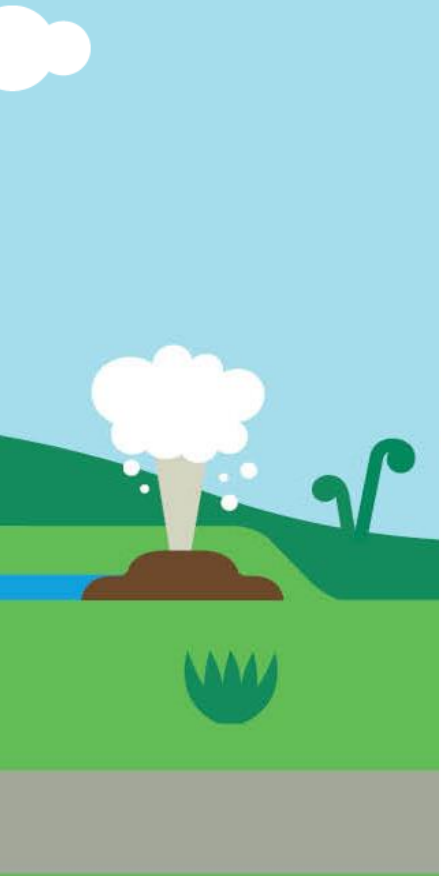


# • Geothermal systems



## KEY:

- - - Taupō Volcanic Zone
- Bay of Plenty Boundary
- Lake / Ocean
- Group 1: Protected systems
- Group 2: Rotorua
- Group 3: Conditional development systems
- Group 4: Development systems
- Group 5: Low temperature systems
- Group 6: Research systems
- Group 7: Geothermal occurrences



# • Council's role in geothermal

- Management of the geothermal resource under the Resource Management Act 1991:
  - Policy development
  - Resource consents for use of geothermal water, fluid and heat
  - Compliance
  - Monitoring (Science)
- Regional economic development - opportunities to leverage advantages from geothermal



# • Key workstreams

- Draft **Tauranga Geothermal System Management Plan (SMP)**  
- sustainable geothermal use and enabling renewable low carbon energy
- Support for EECA's **Bay of Plenty Regional Energy Transition Accelerator (RETA)** programme - opportunities to decarbonise industrial process heat
- **GeoHeat Potential of the Tauranga Geothermal System** report - opportunities for sustainable use of low temperature geothermal



## • For more information

- Geothermal reports and resources:  
[www.boprc.govt.nz/environment/geothermal](http://www.boprc.govt.nz/environment/geothermal)
- Feedback on the Draft Tauranga System Management Plan:  
[www.participate.boprc.govt.nz](http://www.participate.boprc.govt.nz)
- Workshop on the Draft Tauranga SMP, **Tuesday 12 November**, 12.30-2.30pm, Tauranga Yacht Club  
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# Geothermal Heat for Residential, Commercial and Industrial Use

Tauranga Geothermal System



07 November 2024

Prepared by Yale Carden and Celia Wells

# Purpose of today's workshop

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- Share the results of the 'GeoHeat Potential of the Tauranga Geothermal System' report
    - Focus on technological feasibility and
    - User applications
  - We wont cover in detail resource consenting, see BOPRC workshop being hosted next week regarding the System Management Plan consultation.
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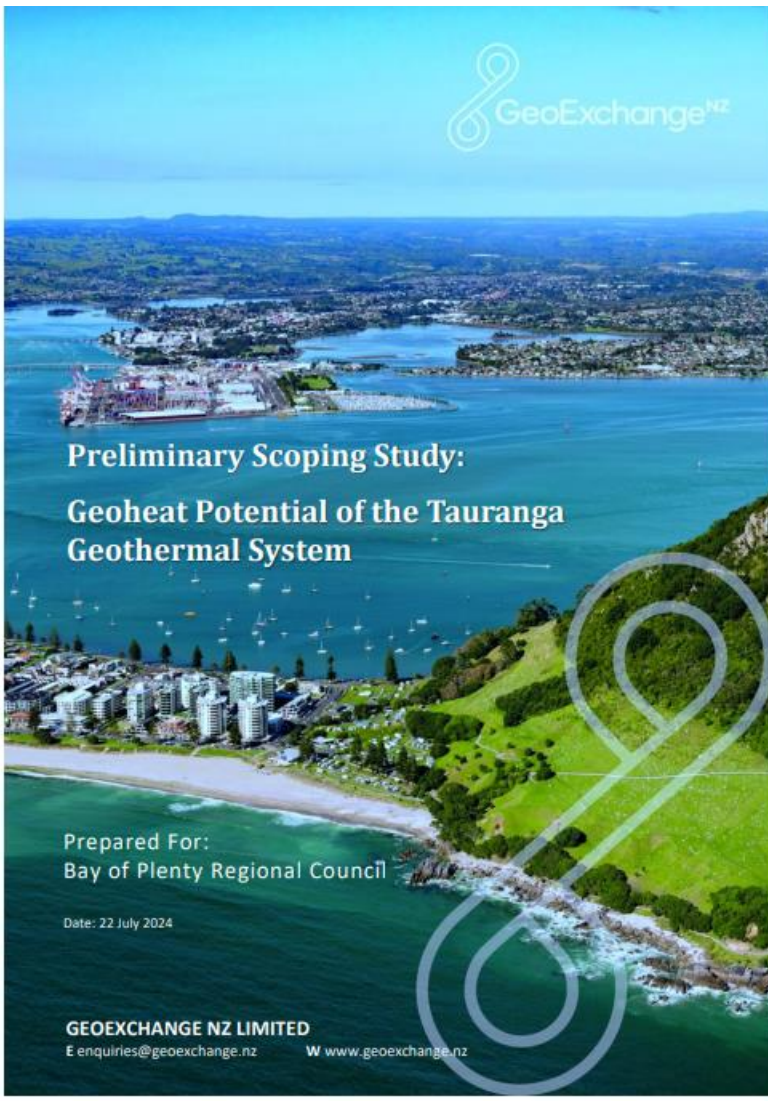


Government Leadership

# Regional Energy Transition Accelerator (RETA)

Bay of Plenty - Phase One Report

May 2024



## Preliminary Scoping Study: Geoheat Potential of the Tauranga Geothermal System

Prepared For:  
Bay of Plenty Regional Council

Date: 22 July 2024

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# Focusing Questions

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Could the western Bay of Plenty use its comparatively shallow low temperature geothermal resource to its strategic advantage as the region develops?

**AND**

Importantly, how can this be done sustainably?

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# The TLDR Version

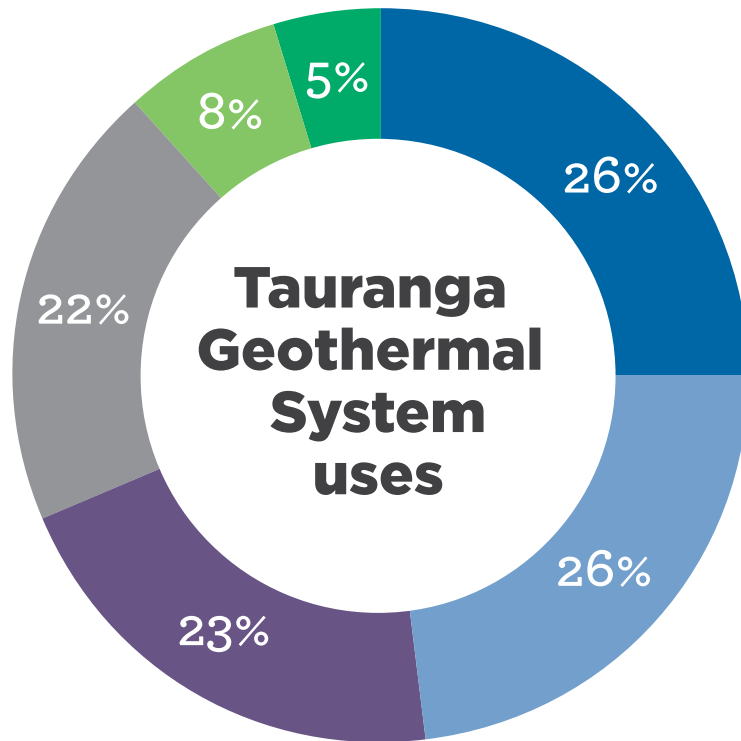
**There is a really good low temperature geothermal resource present**

**Most people are not aware of it**

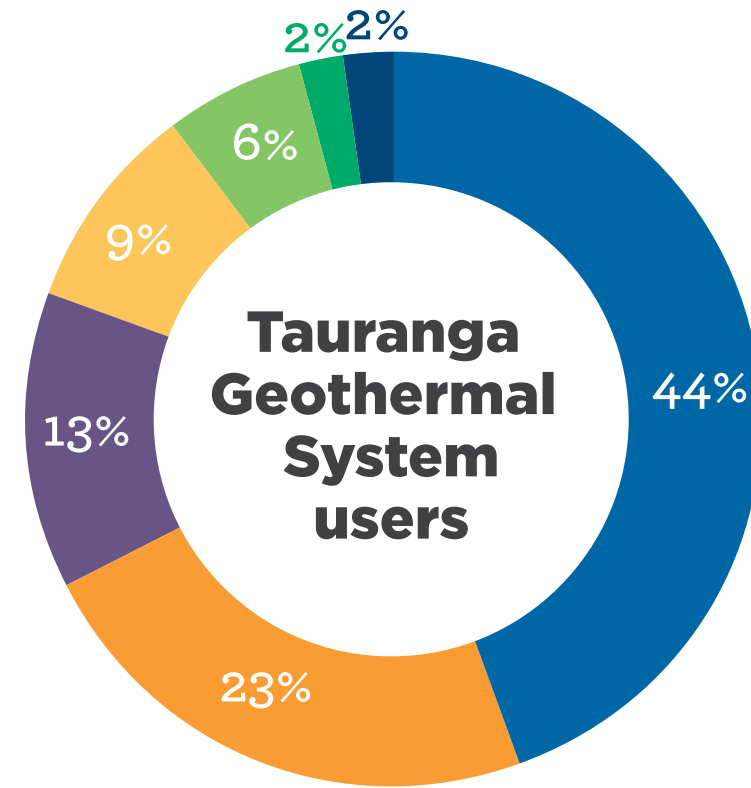
**Those that are aware of think that it is only suitable for heating pools**

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# TGS: Uses and Users



- Water and space heating
- Mineral pool and heating
- Mineral pool
- Water heating
- Space heating
- Other



- Community facilities
- Private use
- Body corp, retirement village
- Tourism
- Horticulture
- Private horticulture
- Other

# Defining Geoheat

- Geoheat systems are either:
  - **Direct Use:** Systems that use available geoheat directly (eg a geothermal hot pool); or
  - **Indirect Use:** Systems that require a heat pump to modify the source temperatures.

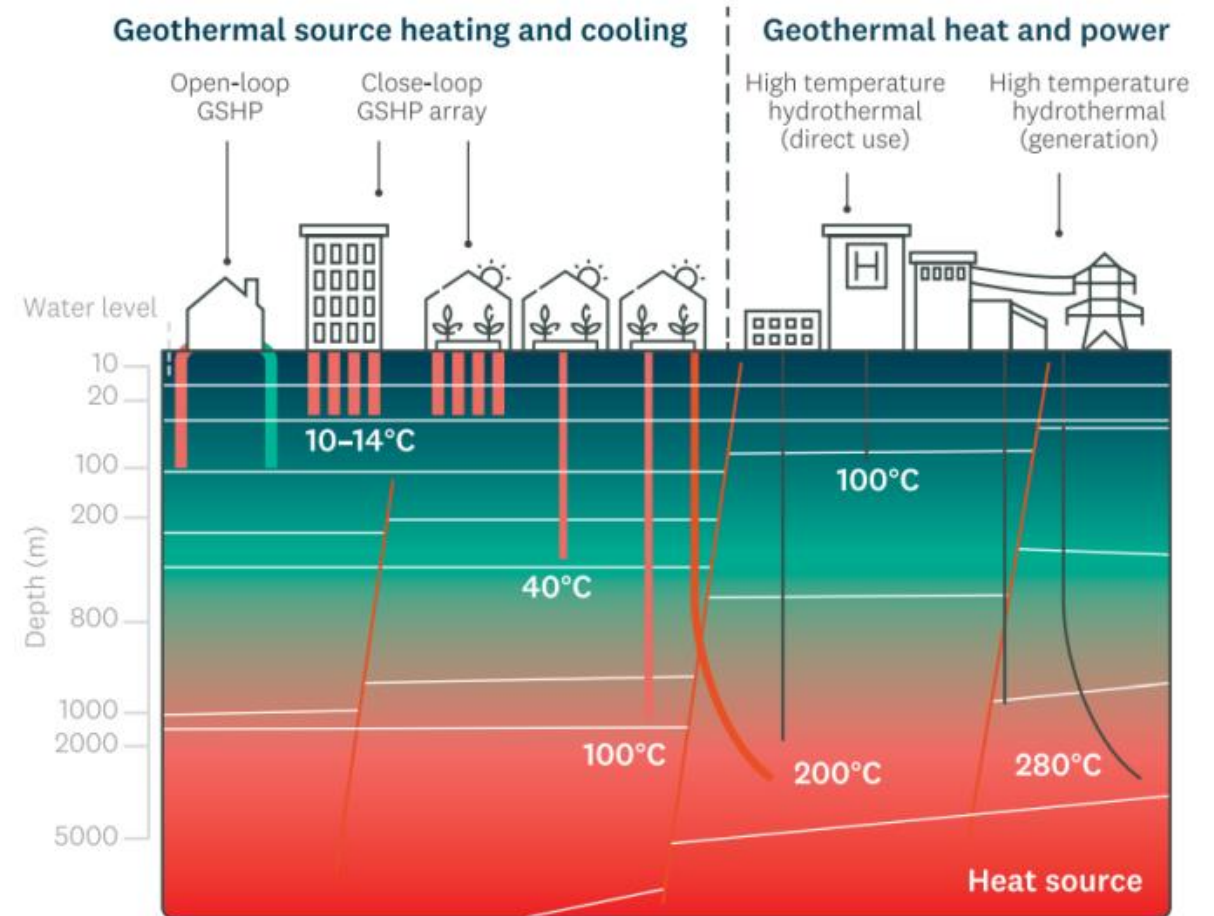
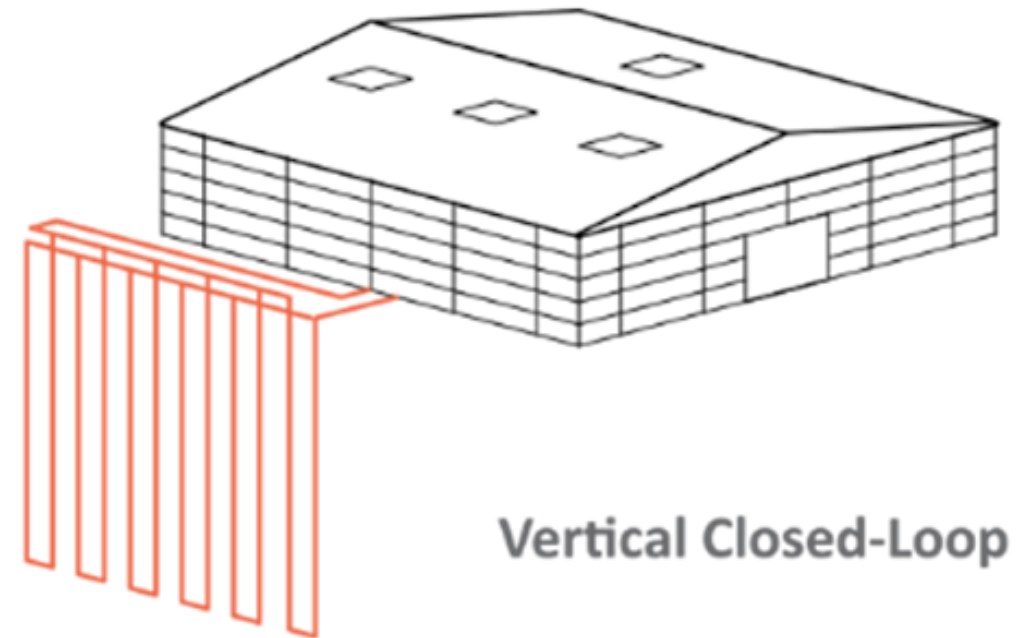
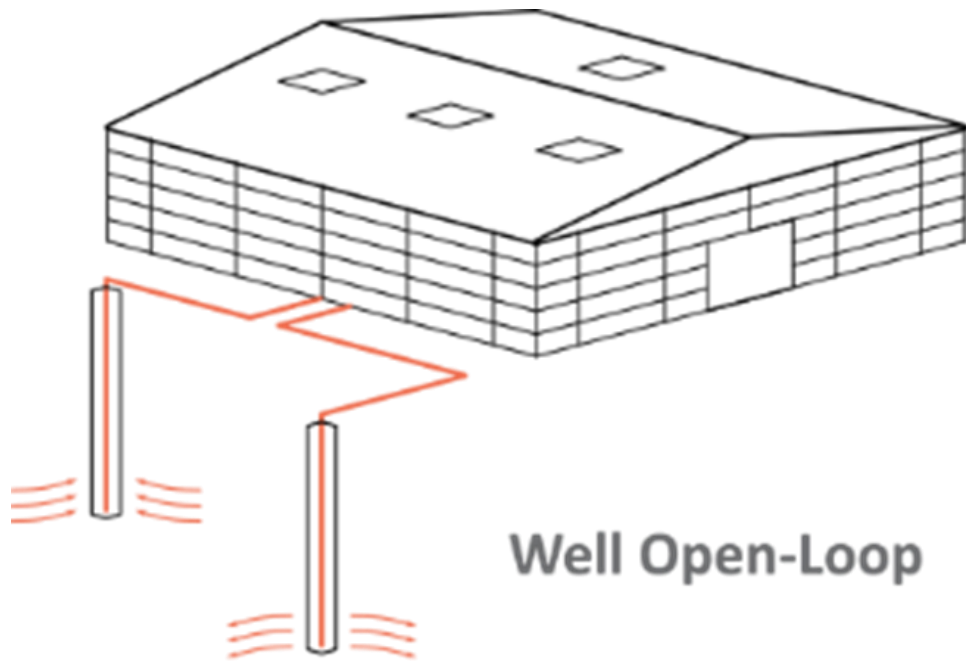
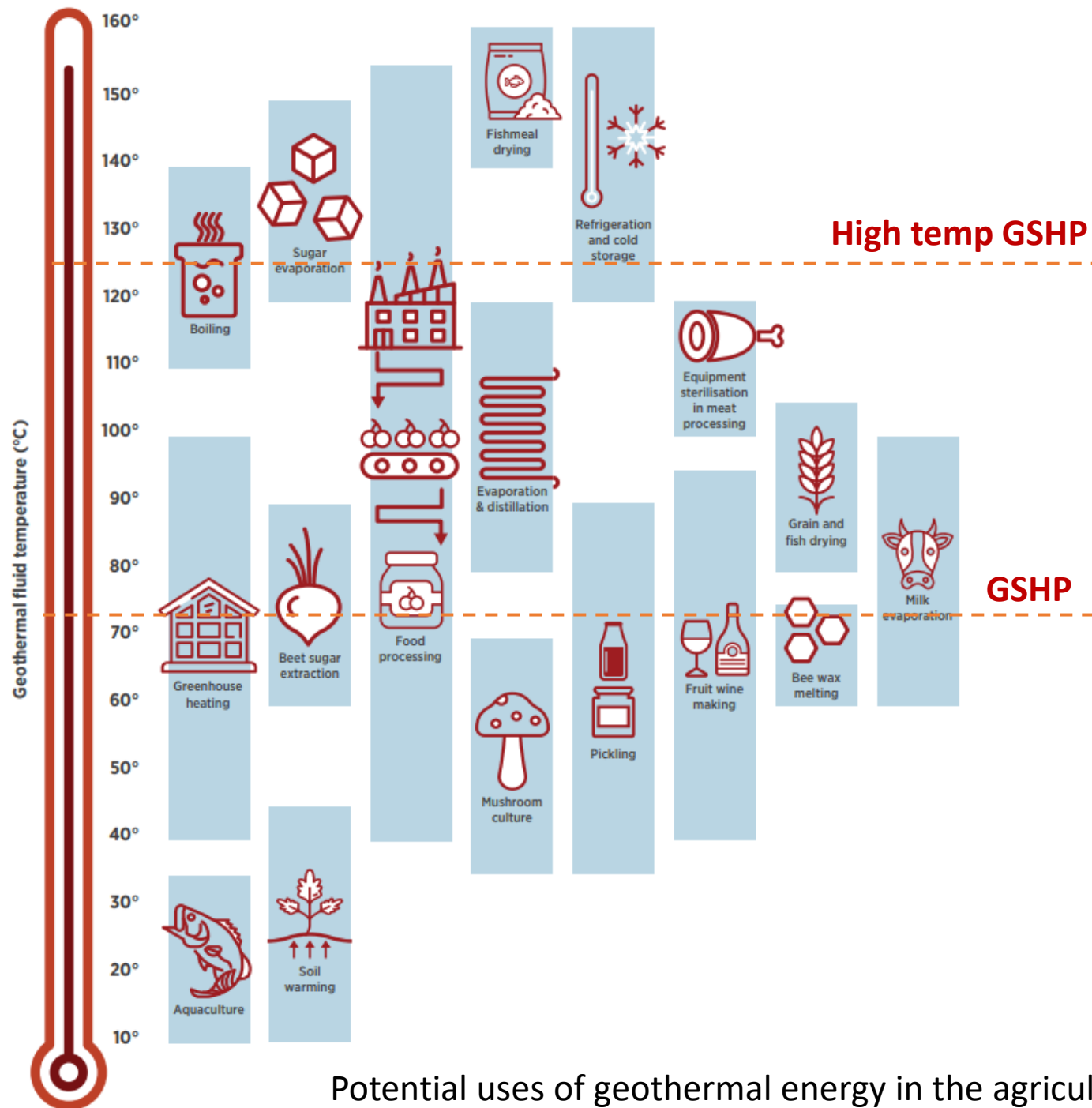


Figure 8: Example of Connection Between Various Geoheat Sources and Above Ground Applications. Source: GNS Science from EECA (2024)

# Open Loop and Closed Loop

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Potential uses of geothermal energy in the agriculture sector (IRENA, 2022)

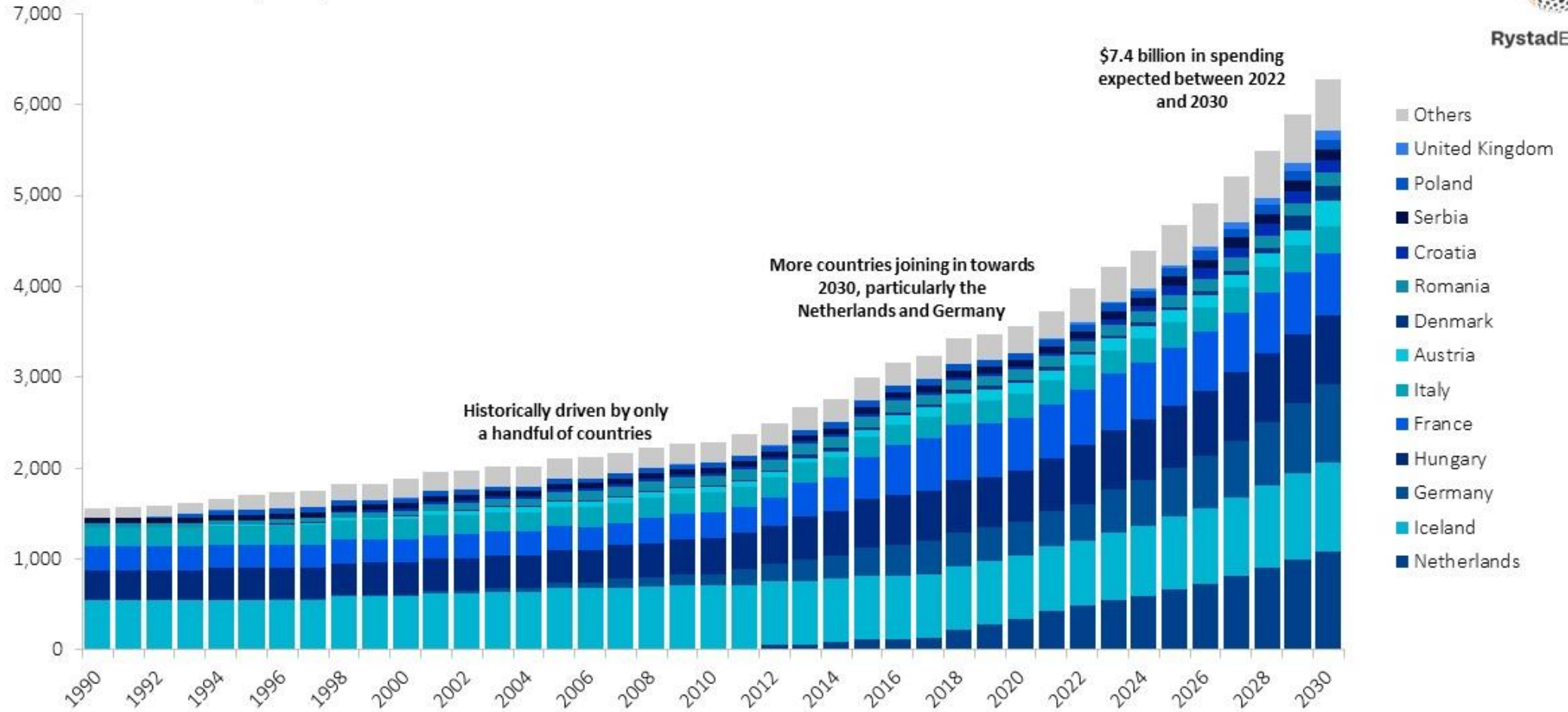
# GeoHeat's Appeal

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- Unlike other renewables, a major benefit of geoheat is that it is not weather dependent, it sustainably generates heat 24/7.
  - Unlike biofuels and hydrogen, geoheat does not need to be transported, stored on site, nor is it subject to supply constraints and fluctuating costs.
  - Compatible with electrification and can reduce need to upgrade or invest in electrical infrastructure.
  - But it is site specific, you need to be sitting above suitable resource (doesn't always mean geothermal heat).
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# Installed capacity for geothermal heating projects\*

Megawatts thermal (MWt)



Source: Rystad Energy's Geothermal Solution, Rystad Energy research and analysis

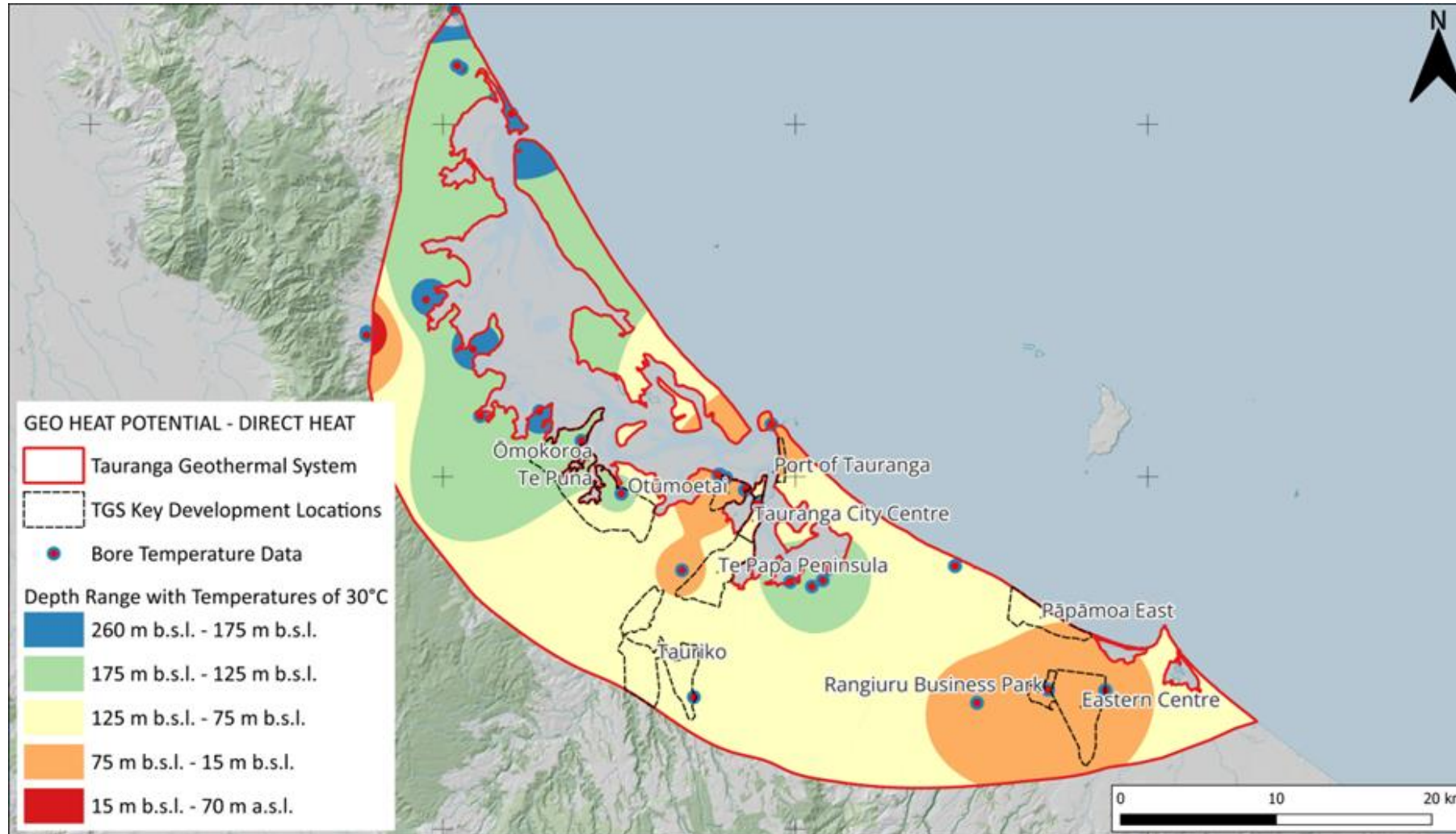
\*Includes district heating (full and partial), aquaculture, horticulture and agriculture. Other geothermal use cases and projects using shallow wells or heat pumps are not included.

## Europe to spend \$7.4 billion on geothermal heating, capacity to reach 6.2 GWt by 2030

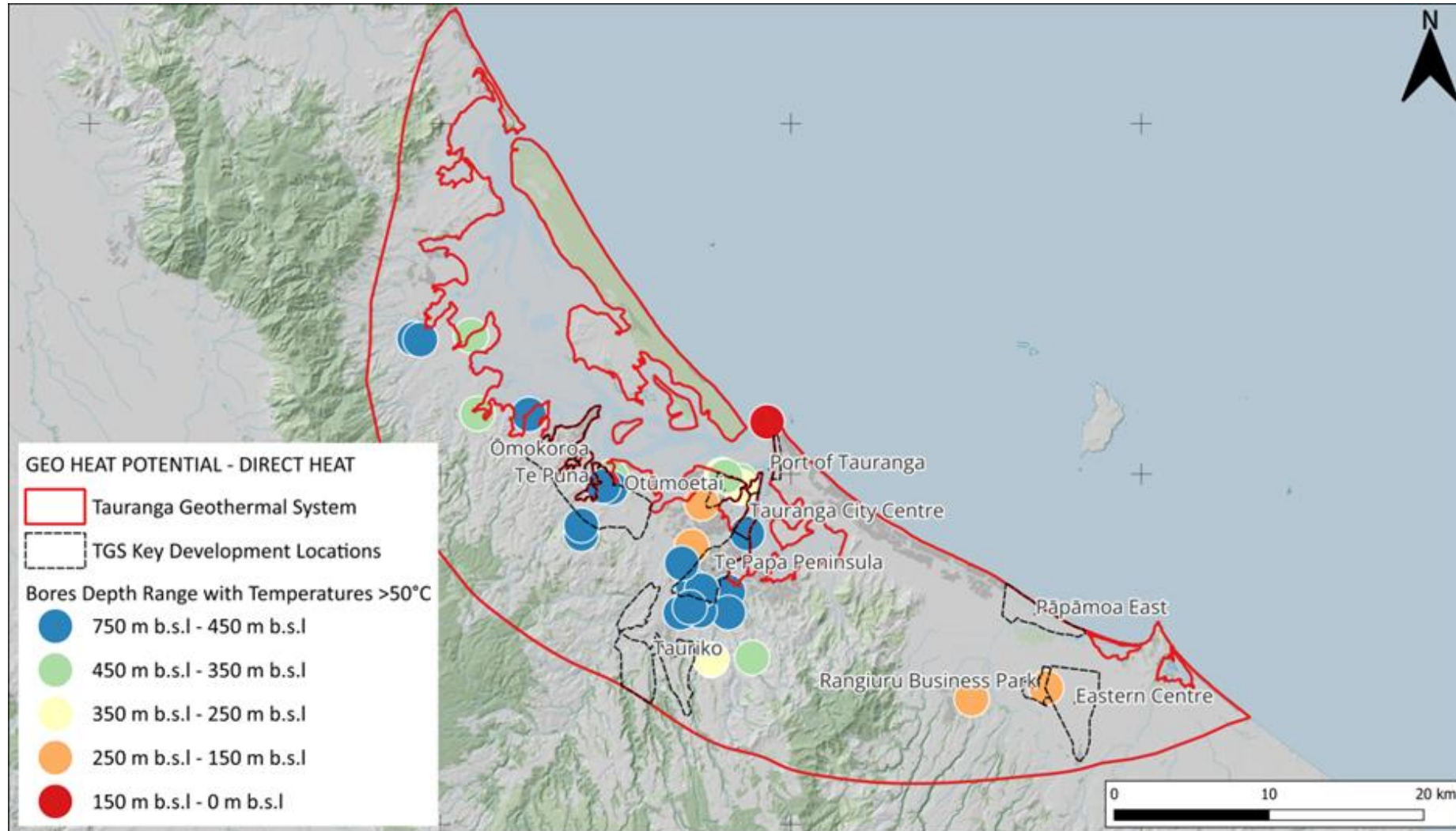




# TGS: Depth of Temperatures >30°C



# TGS: Depth of Temperatures >50°C



# TGS: Potential Development Zones

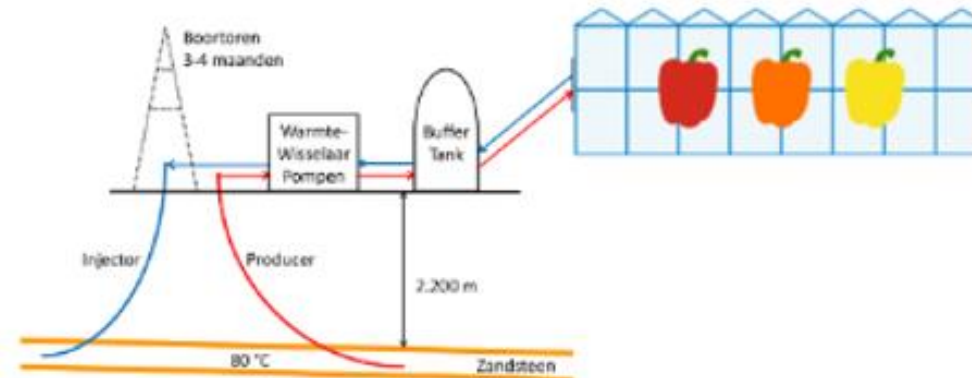
Depth Range of Ground Temperatures Underlying the Potential Development Zones			
Potential Development Zone	Land Use Zoning	Depth Range Encountered	
		30°C	50°C
Port of Tauranga	Industrial	<125 m b.s.l	<500 m b.s.l
City Centre	Mixed Use: Residential / Commercial	<125 m b.s.l	<500 m b.s.l
Te Papa Peninsula	Mixed Use: Residential / Commercial	<125 m b.s.l	<600 m b.s.l
Tauriko	Residential	<125 m b.s.l	<700 m b.s.l
	Industrial		
Rangiuru Business Park	Industrial	<75 m b.s.l	<200 m b.s.l
Eastern Centre	Residential	<75 m b.s.l	<200 m b.s.l
Ōmokoroa / Te Puna	Residential	<175 m b.s.l	<500 m b.s.l
	Industrial		
Otūmoetai	Residential	<75 m b.s.l	<450 m b.s.l
Pāpāmoa East	Residential	<125 m b.s.l	>150 m b.s.l

Note: Anticipated average depth range in which the temperature value was measured within the potential development zone.

# Direct Use – Low Temperature Geothermal <math><150^{\circ}\text{C}</math>



- Hoogweg capsicum greenhouse
- 160 ha of greenhouse
- 1 production well, 2 reinjection and expanding
- Geothermal is supplemented with biomass  
2 x 15 MW boilers



# District Scheme - Munich

- Example of geothermal 'Direct use' at a district scheme scale.
- Munich is targeting 100% of its district heating from renewable energies by 2040, geothermal heat is the backbone of the heat supply.
- Six deep wells.
- Drilling depth of approx. 2.5 km in the north to reach a reservoir temp 60°C
- Depth of approx. 5 km south to reach a reservoir temp of 150°C (Farquharson N. et al., 2016).
- District cooling now being added.



# Geo Heatpumps

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*An important finding of the work for BOPRC is that heat pump assisted geoheat installations (referred to as indirect use) are well suited to the TGS.*

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# Australian War Memorial



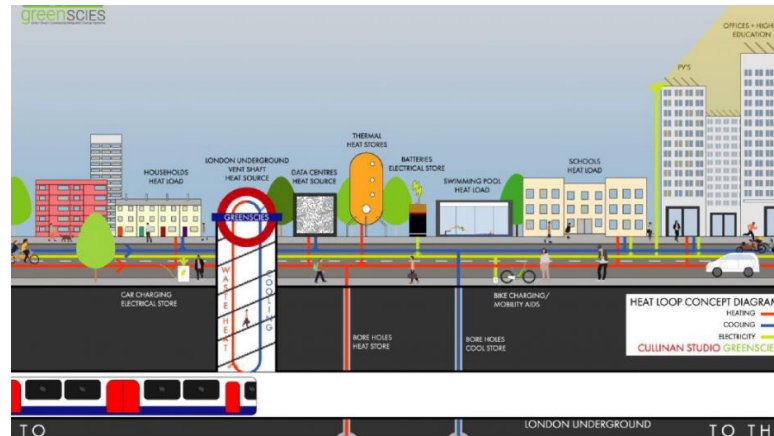
- Ground-source heat pumps will utilise geothermal energy for **heating and cooling**, replacing existing gas and electric boilers.
- 216 vertical closed-loop boreholes drilled to depths of up to 150 meters.
- The system is expected to reduce emission by **1400 tonnes of CO2 equivalent** per year and save the Memorial up to **\$1 million** each year in energy costs compared to the previous system.



# GeoExchange projects in UK

Hammersmith and Fulham,  
London

GreenSCIES, Islington,  
London



<https://www.lbhf.gov.uk/civic-campus>

<https://www.islington.gov.uk/environment-and-energy/energy/greenscies>



# District Scheme - Vienna

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- Example of geothermal ‘indirect use’ at a district scheme scale.
- Vienna’s Simmering district
- Three large heat pumps have been commissioned
- They will provide heating for 56,000 households
- Thermal energy from purified wastewater
- The capacity is set to be doubled by 2027 - 110 MW



# Tomatoes in Slovenia

- Groundwater source temp 30-40 °C from 1500m
- Delivers between 65-85 °C
- Heating capacity of 2000kW
- COP between 5 - 6
- Installed in 2018
- Savings up to 70% compared with gas
- ROI < 1 year
- GSHP is the second most efficient way to heat after direct geothermal.



# Influence of Geothermally Enhanced Groundwater

Influence of Geothermally Enhanced Groundwaters on System Performance				
Heat Pump Type (Source Temperature)	System COP	Electrical Input (kWe)	Energy Cost <sup>1</sup> (\$)	Savings
ASHP (0 °C)	2.0	2460	\$1,215,320	--
GSHP (10 °C)	2.4	2000	\$1,012,767	\$202,554 (17%)
GSHP (15 °C) X	2.77	1733	\$877,488	\$337,833 (28%)
GSHP (20 °C)	3.2	1500	\$759,575	\$455,745 (38%)
GSHP (25 °C)	3.6	1333	\$675,178	\$540,142 (44%)
GSHP (30 °C)	4.0	1200	\$607,660	\$607,660 (50%)

Note 1: Energy cost at 26c/kWh and excludes maintenance etc



# High Temperature Heat Pumps

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“Industrial heat pumps can provide energy at temperature levels of up to 160°C.

Prototypes are operating at around 180°C and industry experts expect temperatures of 200°C and beyond in this decade.”

**European Heat Pump Association AISBL, 2024**

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# EECA Technology Demonstration Fund

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Technology Demonstration Fund RFP Announcement:

- **Very high temperature heat pump demonstration**
  - \$4 mill available
  - Closes 12 Dec
  - Temp demand >100 °C
  - Targeting output of ≤5MWth
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# HTHP Wienerberger Brick, Austria

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## High temperature heat pump (HTHP) replaces gas.

- Heat source : waste heat source is 90°C water that is produced by air-to-water heat exchangers located remotely in the kiln and dryer air exhausts.
  - Heat delivery : the heat pump supplies hot air at 110°C to 160°C back to the brick dryer.
  - The heat pump was installed in 2019. After more than 4000 hours of operation, energy savings add up to around 80% and have resulted in a reduction in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions of about 80%.
  - It provides 296 kW at a COP of 5.0
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# Takaoka Toko Transformers, Japan

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## High temperature heat pump (HTHP) replaces gas.

- Producers of electric transformers. During manufacturing, transformers are coated with a special resin that is heated and dried. Since 2012, a high temperature heat pump has been used for this process.
  - Heat source : 55°C water.
  - Heat delivery : the heat pump produces 130°C pressurized water that is fed to a water-to-air heat exchanger located at the transformer dryer inlet. This heat exchanger provides 125°C hot air to the dryer.
  - As a positive side effect of using dry air versus steam, drying time was reduced by 3 days.
  - Energy and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions savings around 65%.
  - It provides 627 kW at a COP of 3.0.
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- High temperature GSHP utilising a geothermally enhanced aquifer
  - 45-55°C at 300m
- Facility currently uses gas for electricity generation and industrial heating (co-generation)
- Distinct operation to analyse –
  - Two Fluid Bed Dryers that receive steam directly from the boiler and require a combined total of 900kg/h steam at 120°C



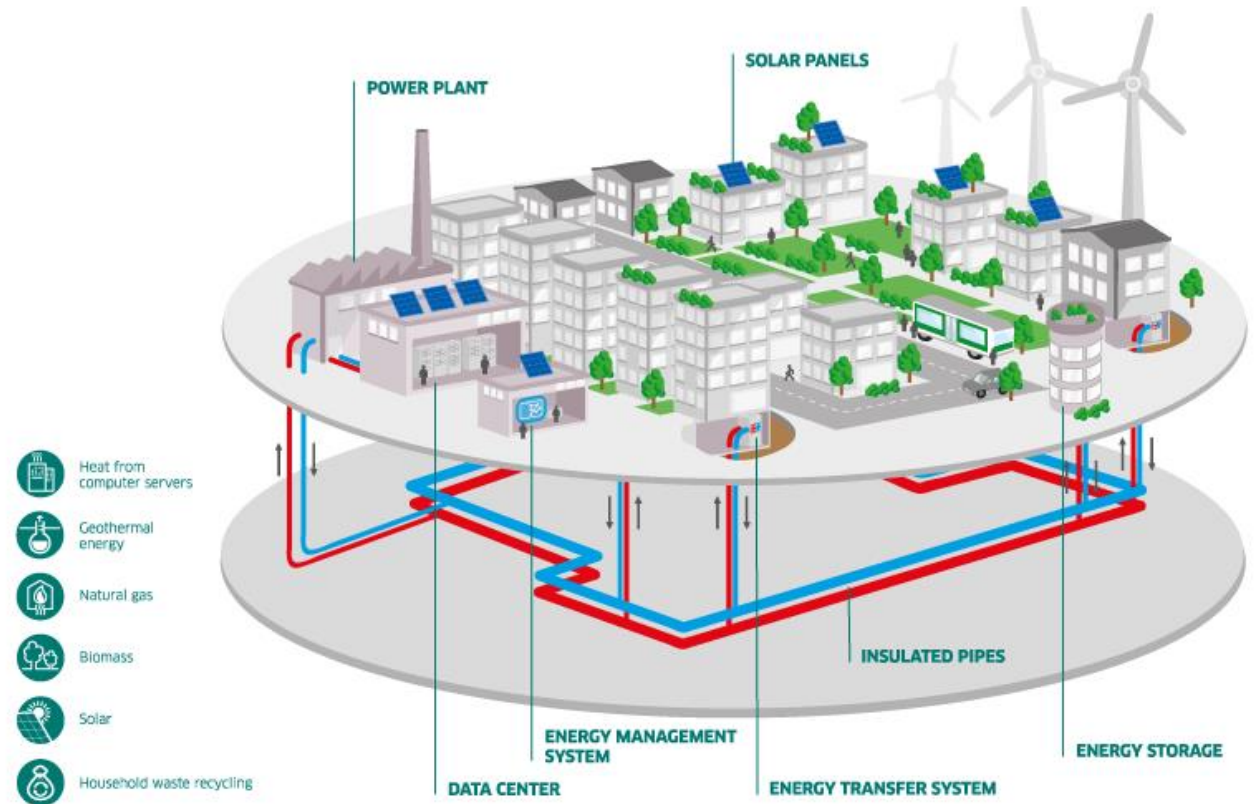


- Eliminate 1,542 tonnes of annual carbon emissions
- High-temp GSHP opex was similar to existing gas costs
  
- High-temp GSHP compared with electric boiler
  - Reduced energy use by > 64%
  - \$4.5m additional capital investment
  - Simple payback of 4.1 years
  
- Promising result for considering 100% facility transition



# Investment and Ownership

- A community-owned not-for-profit or cooperative business model.
- Public Owned Utility
- Hybrid Public and Private
- Private Owned Utility



**District schemes = more savings, more sharing, more innovation, more collaboration, more progress....**

# Geoheat Potential of Future Development Zones



Potential Development Zones	Geothermal Characterisation					Regulatory Status	Geothermal Application Suitability Assessment					
	Land Use Zoning	GNS Aquifer Potential <sup>1</sup>	Geology	Depth Range Encountered <sup>2</sup>		Consent for Groundwater Take for Consumptive Use <sup>3</sup>	Indirect Heating and Cooling			Direct Heating		
				>30°C	>50°C		Closed Loop System	Open Loop System	District Heating and Cooling	Closed Loop System	Open Loop System	District Heating
Port of Tauranga	Industrial	Good	Sediments over volcanites	<125 m b.s.l	<500 m b.s.l	May not be available reinjection may be required	✓	○	✓	○	○	✓
Tauranga City Centre	Mixed Use Residential/Commercial	Good	Sediments over volcanites	<125 m b.s.l	<500 m b.s.l	Available	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Te Papa Peninsula	Mixed Use Residential/Commercial	Good	Sediments over volcanites	<125 m b.s.l	<600 m b.s.l	Available	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Tauriko	Residential	Good	Volcanites	<125 m b.s.l	<700 m b.s.l	Available	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Industrial						✓	✓	✓	○	✓	✓
Rangiuru Business Park	Industrial	Good	Sediments over volcanites	<75 m b.s.l	<200 m b.s.l	Available	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	✓
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<sup>1</sup> Note: New Zealand Aquifer Potential Map Version 1.0, <a href="https://www.gns.cri.nz/data-and-resources/new-zealand-aquifer-potential-map-version-1-0/">https://www.gns.cri.nz/data-and-resources/new-zealand-aquifer-potential-map-version-1-0/</a> <sup>2</sup> Note: high uncertainty due to the limited data available, especially when localising the areas with temperatures above 50 °C. <sup>3</sup> Note: BOPRC							✓	suitable	○	partly suitable		

# Answering Questions

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**YES**

**AND**

Importantly, how can this be done sustainably?

**See the  
Action Items**

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# Action Items

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- Develop a Regional Vision and Strategy for Geoheat in terms of:
    - Decarbonisation;
    - Energy Security; and
    - Regional economic growth
  
  - Investigate feasibility of geoheat applications:
    - Industry;
    - Pools;
    - Buildings – commercial and residential;
    - Horticulture; and
    - Future versions of Te Keteparaha Mo Nga Papakāinga Māori Housing Toolkit
  
  - Consenting: Balancing supportive uptake and sustaining the resource; and
  
  - Continue public education efforts on opportunities and benefits
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