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Fonterra announces electrification plans to future-proof operationsÂ

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Fonterra is taking another significant step toward its climate goals and operational resilience with $150 million in investments in electrification projects across the North Island over the next 18 months.

Investments into electric boilers at the Co-operative's Whareroa, Edgecumbe and Waitoa sites, along with further fleet decarbonisation, mark further steps in renewable energy supporting the Co-operativeâ??s sustainability targets while future-proofing operations.

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Fonterraâ??s Chief Operating Officer, Anna Palairet, says the investments are a significant step for the Co-operative's future operations.

â??Last year we turned off the last coal boiler in the North Island, meaning manufacturing operations in the North Island are now coal-free. These investments are the next step in creating enduring assets that are fit for the future, as we look to reduce our reliance on gas.

"Choosing the right energy solutions is about striking a balance between affordability, security of energy supply and reducing our environmental footprint, and the new electric boilers are crucial to navigating this challenge.â?

â??These electrification projects are at the heart of ensuring efficient operations with a reliable energy supply for our manufacturing sites and to support the long-term sustainability of our business. It also represents a commitment to our farmer owners that we are building a resilient, future-ready Co-operative.â?