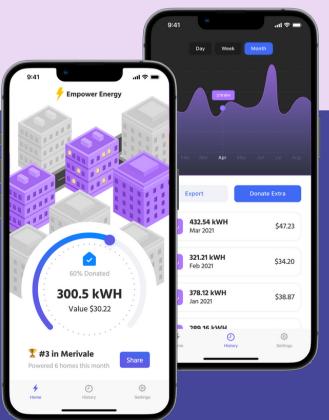
# Empower Energy



The Universal Peer-to-Peer Donation Platform

Empowering Kiwis to End Energy Hardship



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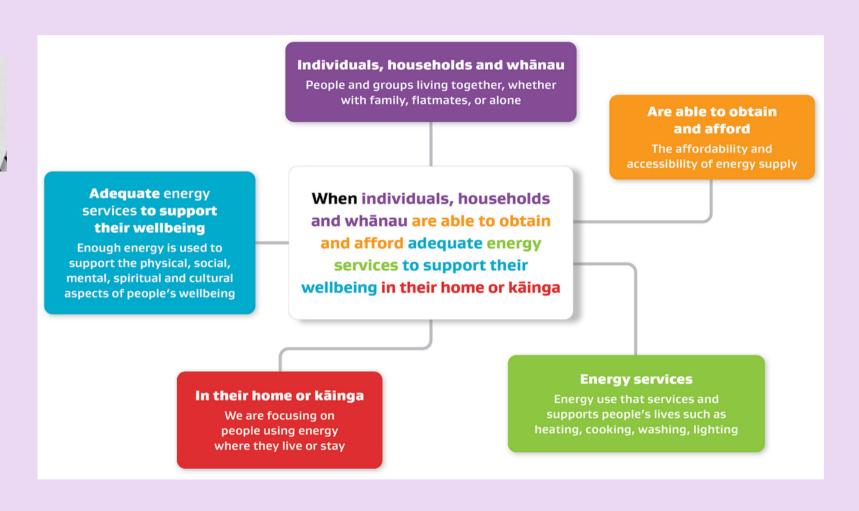
# **Energy Hardship**

THE PROBLEM:

More than 25,000 disconnections in 2018

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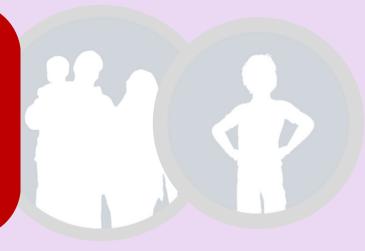




Around 18% of Kiwi households report difficult paying their bill

Consumer NZ

Energy hardship has *immense* health, social, economic and educational impacts for hundreds of thousands of New Zealanders

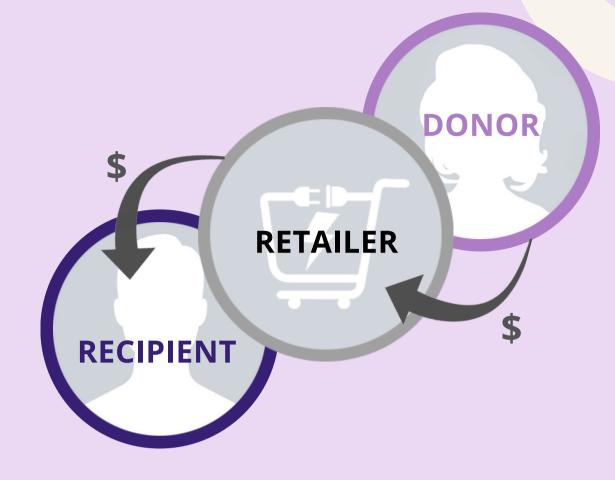


TACKLING ENERGY HARDSHIP:

## **Donation Networks**

Several NZ electricity retailers have established their own, in-house peer-to-peer donation networks.

These networks are a fantastic first step towards allowing Kiwi households and businesses to donate to those experiencing energy hardship.





Empower Energy have developed a larger, more impactful, universal platform that will scale peer-to-peer donations and deliver better experiences & outcomes for all stakeholders.

- More options to donate & make impact
- More incentives to generate/donate more to the scheme

RETAILER

- Less investment in in-house resource
- **Less admin** in finding and vetting recipeints

RECIPIENT

- More support available
- Less stress/shame from having to ask for help - including from retailers

#### ONE BIGGER, BETTER & MORE EFFICIENT PLATFORM:

## Power of Partnerships



#### DONORS

Empower Energy delivers a credible, cross-retailer, care agency-partnered platform with multiple donation options.



#### **CARE AGENCIES**

Partnering with care agencies is the most effective, credible way to help recipients.





Our universal platform leverages what each partner does best, opens up a larger pool of donors and recipients, and ensures each user type receives a highly valued digital experience.

The platform integrates with all partners' systems, and has custom views and functionality for each user type.





An automated, third-party, donation platform requires low investment, doesn't require vetting, and allows for efficient cross-retailer transactions

#### RECIPIENTS



It is vital that vulnerable people can easily access the support they need, without being forced to ask for help from retailers - or having to change retailers.

## The Empower Model

Every electricity retailer can join *EE* 



#### **RETAILERS**

- Validate donor accounts
- Permit selected donation amount to be forwarded to Empower Energy

National, regional, and local care agencies

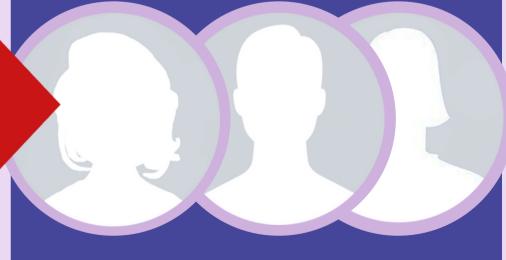


- Identify potential recipients
- Create and maintain list of recipients on the platform



#### **RECIPIENTS**

Receive \$100\* per month in energy payments

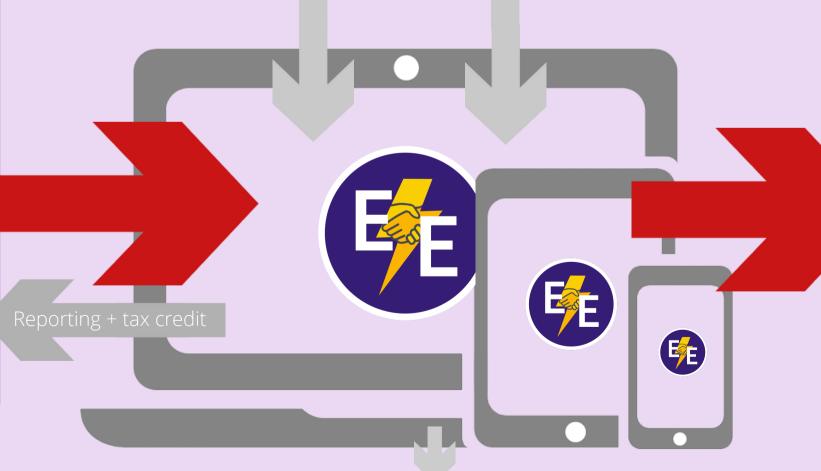


\*Flexible upon consultation with agencies

#### **DONORS**



- Sign up to *Empower Energy*
- Confirm their electricity retailer
- Select their monthly donation amount
- Monitor their impact through the app
- Download tax receipts from the app



Small % of donations is retained for overheads

Donor Segments

~ DONORS
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RECIPIENTS

#### **Residential Donors**

**Typical consumers with grid-sourced electricity** 

- EE enables *everyone* to nominate a donation to be made every month on top of their power bill
- Target donations ~\$10 per month

#### **Solar Donors**

#### **Consumers with rooftop solar panels**

- Paying lower power bills due to solar install
- Often receive a 'buy-back credit' on bills
- More likely to be community-focused & financially secure couples/families
- Target donations ~\$20 per month



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RECIPIENTS



### Super Donors

Organisations, businesses, and collectives - including those in the energy sector - looking to make a real impact on energy hardship

- Some companies will install *dedicated PV panels*, with the generated power earning 'buy-back credits' that can be partially/entirely donated
- The target is to onboard multiple super donors, contributing **\$100,000s** each per year, including large initial cash donations that will ensure we can make significant impact in winter 2023/24

## Empower Energy Impact

Empower Energy will deliver a donation platform with universal integration across the energy sector.

New Zealand will have a singular, credible, sustainable donation stream dedicated to addressing energy hardship.

We'll see a huge increase in donors - both individuals and organisations - as they will finally be able to easily, and flexibly make the specific, targeted impact they are looking for.

More vulnerable recipients than ever before will be able to receive support. And they won't have to endure the stress and shame of seeking help from multiple sources.

YEAR	TARGET # OF RECIPIENTS
2023	15,000
2024	40,000
2025	100,000
BEYOND	Helping <i>every</i> Kiwi in energy hardship

Our foundational partners have the opportunity to play a critical role in driving a real, sustained impact on energy hardship

## **Traction To Date**









## Live MVP **DONATION PLATFORM**





#### **WORKING PILOT:**

- Commercial PV donors
- Residential PV donors
- Residential grid-based donors









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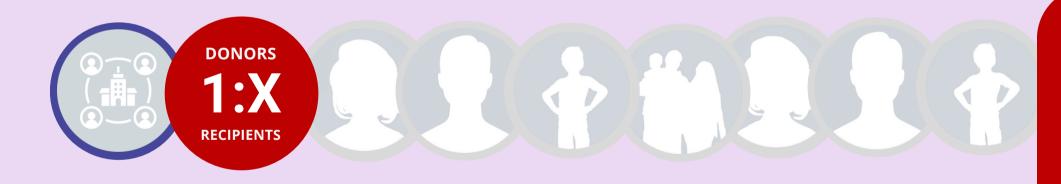
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#### THE OPPORTUNITY:

## Super Donor

Empower Energy is calling for Super Donors to join the platform and begin making an impact on energy hardship today!



Super Donors can contribute funds as either:

- Regular, ongoing donations
- Large, one-off donations

They can also install dedicated PV panels.



To ensure we make a significant impact on energy hardship in the 2023 winter, we are targeting:

\$1.5M

super donations in 2023

#### THE OPPORTUNITY:

### **Platform Partner**

Empower Energy is calling for Platform Partners to invest in the completion of the full platform build over the next three years.



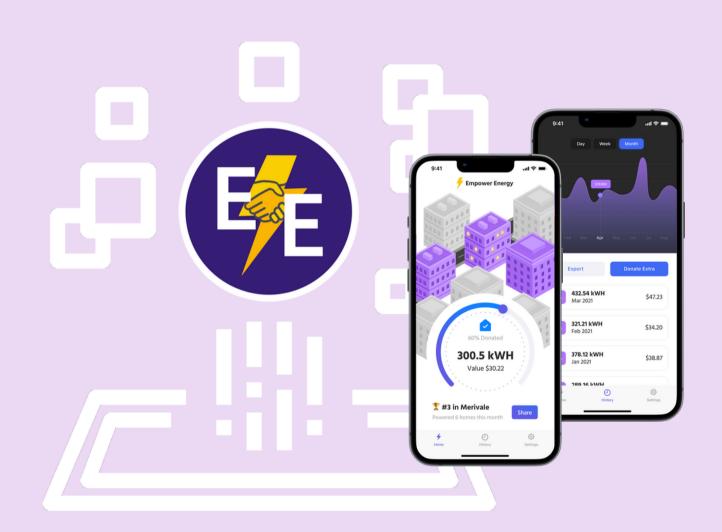








Once built, the platform will integrate with any and all retailers and care agencies, while providing a seamless user experience for every donor, super donor, and recipient.



We require \$1.9M in platform funding over three years

Beyond year three, the platform is self-sustaining