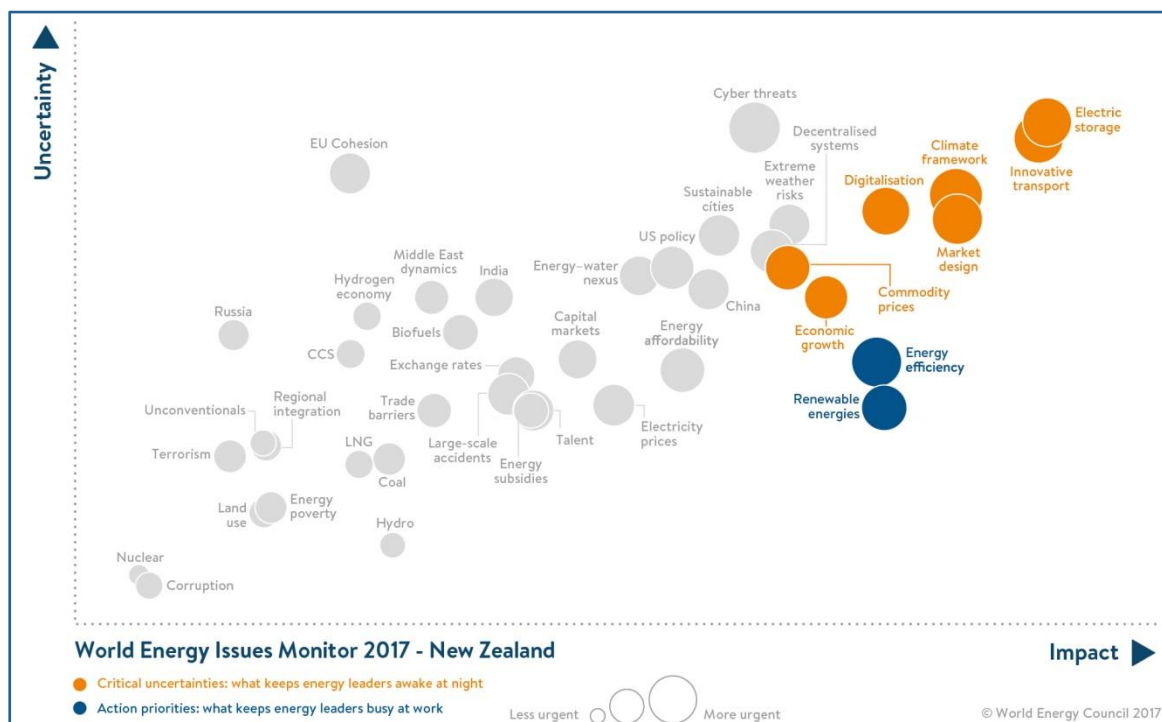


The 2017 Energy Issues Monitor

The World Energy Issues Monitor provides a snapshot of what keeps CEOs, Ministers and experts awake at night in over 90 countries. The monitor helps to define the world energy agenda and its evolution over time. It provides a high-level perception of what constitute issues of critical uncertainty, in contrast to those that require immediate action or act as developing signals for the future. It is an essential tool for understanding the complex and uncertain environment in which energy leaders must operate, and a tool through which one can challenge own assumptions on the key drivers within the energy landscape. This eighth iteration of the monitor is based on insights provided by more than 1,200 energy leaders to provide over 35 national assessments across six regions.



How to read the Issues Monitor

- **Critical uncertainties:** Issues with high uncertainty and high impact (in the top-right quadrant) are the 'critical uncertainties' with no clear path of action which keep energy leaders most awake at night. These issues need to be part of the energy leaders' dialogue and scenario analysis.
- **Action priorities:** The issues in the high-impact and low-uncertainty space are those which keep energy leaders most busy (bottom-right, 'action issues').
- **Weak signals:** The low-impact and low-uncertainty issues (bottom-left quadrant) include those of perceived lesser importance or those that are still not fully understood and in need of further investigation.
- The responses are translated into issue monitors with the three assessed dimensions: the impact of an issue on the energy sector – this forms the x axis; the degree of uncertainty related to its impact – this forms y axis; the urgency with which we need to address the specific issue – represented by the proportional size of the issue bubble where a larger size corresponds to a higher degree of urgency.