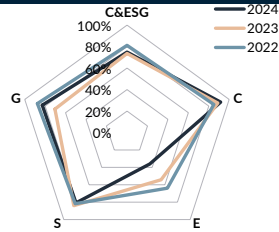


Company ticker:

CEN

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Leader



	Grade	Score	Utilities Average	New Zealand Average	Utilities Sector Weights
Carbon	A+	92%	80%	61%	20%
Environmental	D	36%	66%	52%	20%
Social	A+	81%	85%	61%	20%
Governance	A+	83%	68%	59%	40%
<b>Total</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>74%</b>	<b>59%</b>	

**Forsyth Barr Commentary**

Touching Distance From The Top: Contact Energy's (CEN) overall C&ESG score has increased and CEN remains firmly in the Leader category. This strong progress has propelled it to be ranked second in the whole market (from fourth last year). CEN again scored well in the Carbon section, and is working to transition its generation mix away from gas but is not yet operating at net zero. However, CEN is innovating in carbon capture of geothermal emissions and the creation of food grade CO<sub>2</sub>, a product which is currently imported into New Zealand. CEN's lowest score was once again the Environmental section, where its lack of waste management policy, lack of commitment to the circular economy, and an environmental breach all lowered its score. In the Social and Governance sections, CEN performed well due to its commitment to health and safety and strong corporate governance practices.

Carbon	Metric	Data	Score	Weight	Group Score	Group Wgt	
Climate Reporting	C1.1	Is the company a Climate Reporting Entity, required to prepare climate-related disclosures in accordance with the Aotearoa NZ Climate Disclosure Standards?	Yes				
	C1.2	Has the company filed its first mandatory climate-related disclosures and/or voluntarily reported in accordance with the Standards?	Yes				
GHG Emissions	C2.1	For how long have scope 1 and 2 CO <sub>2</sub> e (tonnes) been tracked, measured and publicly reported by the company?	≥ 5 years	1.00	20.00%		
	C2.2	If at least five years of scope 1+2 emissions data, are scope 1+2 emissions decreasing, stable, or increasing over the last five years?	-24.95%	1.00	20.00%		
	C2.3	If at least five years of scope 1+2 emissions data, is carbon intensity decreasing, stable, or increasing?	-31.40%	1.00	20.00%	100.00%	33.33%
	C2.4	Has the company identified and publicly disclosed its most material scope 3 emission sources?	Yes	1.00	20.00%		
	C2.5	For how long have scope 3 CO <sub>2</sub> e (tonnes) been tracked, measured and publicly reported by the company?	≥ 5 years	1.00	20.00%		
Emissions Management	C3.1	Does the company have an emissions reduction target or net zero commitment in place?	Yes	1.00	16.67%		
	C3.2	If a target is in place, is the target based on an absolute emissions and/or an emissions intensity measure?	Absolute	1.00	16.67%		
	C3.3	If a target is in place, is the target aligned with and/or verified by the SBTi (or similar) as a science-based target?	SBTi verified	1.00	16.67%	75.00%	33.33%
	C3.4	Is there a clearly defined climate transition plan in place outlining the strategy to meet emissions reduction targets?	Plan in place - lacks detail	0.50	16.67%		
	C3.5	Is the company already operating at net zero and if so, how are offsets used to help meet targets?	No	0.00	16.67%		
	C3.6	Has the company introduced the concept of a 'just transition' into its climate ambitions?	Yes	1.00	16.67%		
Risk & Opportunity Management	C4.1	Has the company outlined how its assessment of climate-related risks and opportunities serves as an input to capital deployment and funding decisions?	Yes	1.00	33.33%		
	C4.2	Has the company publicly announced any new projects or partnerships (over the last 12 months) that will amount in significant (<-10%) emissions reductions?	Yes	1.00	33.33%	100.00%	33.33%
	C4.3	Does the company own any proven or probable fossil fuel reserves?	No	1.00	33.33%		
<b>C - Total</b>						<b>A+ (91.67%)</b>	

Environmental	Metric	Data	Score	Weight	Group Score	Group Wgt	
Environmental Management Systems	E1.1	Does the company have ISO 14001, EMS, Toitū Envirocare carbonzero or equivalent certification on all applicable sites?	Yes	1.00	33.33%		
	E1.2	Has the company made commitments to new build or retrofit to meet level 4, 5 or 6 of the Green Star (or equivalent Homestar if relevant) standard in owned or leased buildings?	No	0.00	33.33%	33.33%	33.33%
	E1.3	Has there been an environmental fine or breach (including any resource consent discharge breaches such as nutrient or harmful substances discharges) in the last three years?	Breach	0.00	33.33%		
Waste & Water	E2.1	Is there a commitment to reduce waste in place?	No	0.00	50.00%		
	E2.2	If there is five years of waste management data, is total waste to landfill decreasing, stable, or increasing?	-6.64%	0.50	50.00%		
	E2.3	Is water consumption material to the company's business operations and/or supply chain?	No	0.00	0.00%		
	E2.4	If water consumption is considered material to the company's operations, is the company currently implementing any water stewardship practices to reduce water usage or improve water efficiency?	Not material	0.00	0.00%	25.00%	33.33%
	E2.5	If water consumption is considered material to the company's operations, and if there is five years of water data, is total water use decreasing, stable, or increasing?	Not material	0.00	0.00%		
Biodiversity & Circular Economy	E3.1	Is there a commitment by the company to preserve and protect biodiversity and/or natural ecosystems?	Yes	1.00	33.33%		
	E3.2	Does the company voluntarily report against the TNFD framework?	No but committed	0.50	33.33%	50.00%	33.33%
	E3.3	Is the company actively engaged in implementing circular economy principles into its business model?	No	0.00	33.33%		
<b>E - Total</b>						<b>D (36.11%)</b>	

