

## Bay of Plenty

Powerco has invested extensively in the Bay of Plenty region in recent years.

The pace of both residential and industrial commercial growth has been significant and this has put pressure on both the capacity and security of Powerco's networks in the area.

Focused investment in the region is critical to restore appropriate security to parts of the network and to support ongoing growth in the region. District plans predict and allow for continued strong residential growth in the foreseeable future, and this is likely to be matched by commercial growth.

Primary production, particularly horticulture, is also significant for future electricity demand. Around Te Puke there are a large number of kiwifruit orchards, and strong recent growth in the sector is anticipated to continue.

Powerco plans to spend about \$40 million on growth and security projects in this area during a five year period starting 1 April 2018. As part of the renewal programme it plans to spend \$90 million including the replacement of 330km of overhead line and 4,200 poles.



2016 customer connections = 81,233