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MARINE ENERGY INDUSTRY

The Aotearoa Wave & Tidal Association, umbrella organisation for the emerging marine energy industry, says the Chatham Island decision is a development milestone.

Executive Officer Chris Turver says not only does it deal with a particular problem in the Chatham Island but the solution there will be transportable to other parts of the world where diesel-powered generators are the mainstay of power production.

The Chatham Island project is one of five in New Zealand with the others including:

- Crest Energy Kaipara Limited (Kaipara Harbour)
- Energy Pacifica (Tory Channel)
- Wave Energy Technology – New Zealand (off Taranaki coast)
- Neptune Power (Cook Strait)

Three of them, Wave Energy Technology, Crest Energy, and Chatham Island have now qualified for Marine Energy Deployment Fund support without which the current rate of progress could not have been achieved.

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