

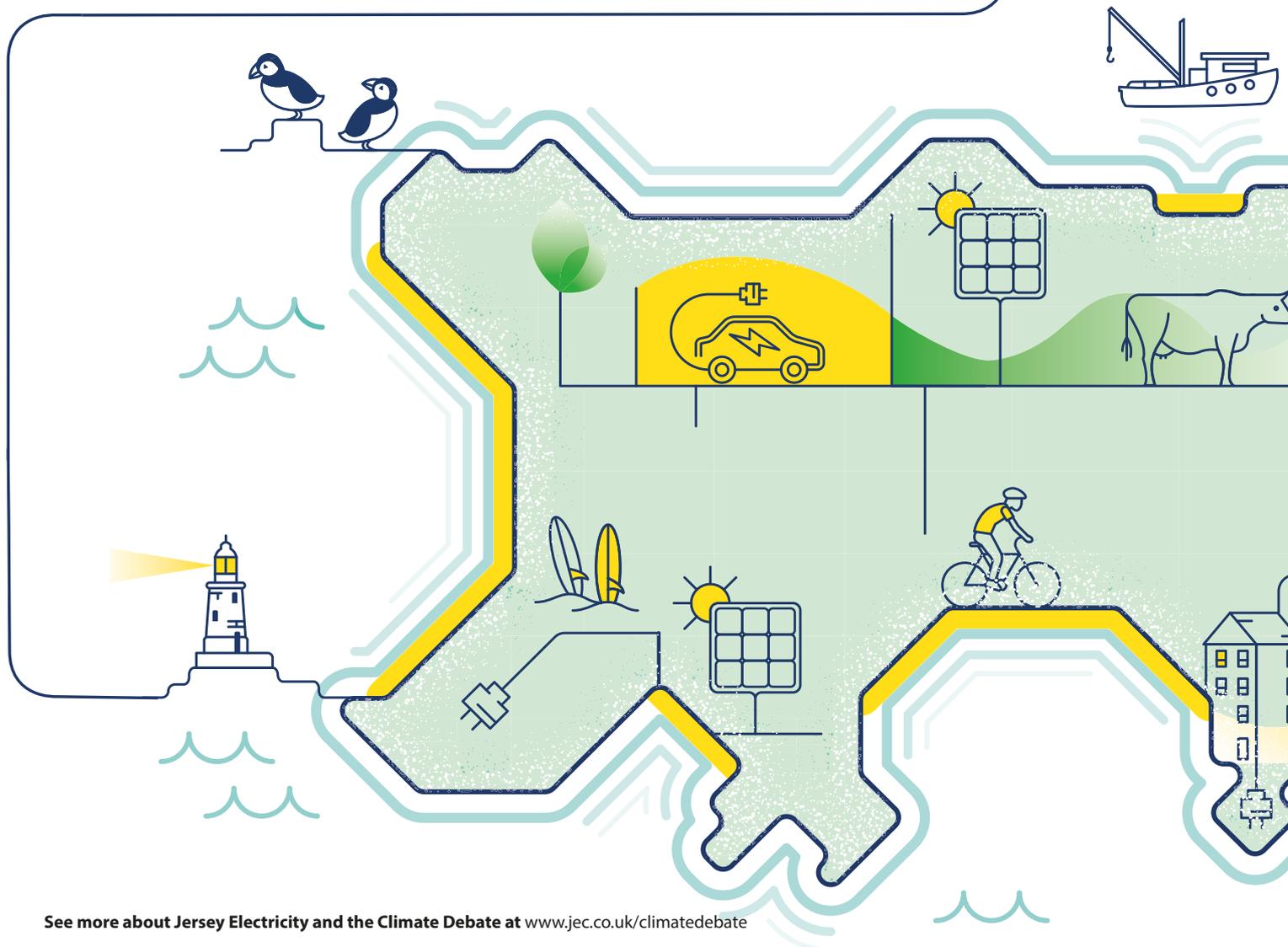
CLIMATE ASSEMBLY SESSION:

International response to climate change

JERSEY ELECTRICITY SUBMISSION PAPER:

The Island must play its part

- Some might argue that Jersey is too small to make an impact on the global issue of climate change, so why should we make the effort? **Jersey Electricity believes we MUST play our part.** First, as individuals we have a moral obligation for our share of the 360,000 tonnes of Jersey's Scope 1 CO₂e emissions. Second, we want to be seen as a responsible, sustainable and beautiful island and a zero-carbon future is a vital enabler. It will enhance our reputation on the global stage, which would in turn bring economic benefits.
- Governments, businesses, charities, and other organisations across the world are making bold decarbonisation commitments. **Over 100 countries and 1,000 businesses, collectively covering 49% of GDP, have set bold net-zero ambitions by 2050, or earlier.**



Setting an example would bring economic benefits

- **To achieve carbon neutrality in an ambitious timescale such as 2030 or 2035 would set Jersey apart as an exemplar**, showing leadership, setting the highest standards and projecting Jersey as a community that takes responsibility. This leadership can influence other countries and islands on their own journey.
- Having already created a resilient zero-carbon platform with a virtually decarbonised electricity supply and smart-enabled grid, we want the Island to take advantage of that platform to bring about a better, cleaner, zero-carbon future.
- **A carbon neutral Jersey is not only the right moral and environmental position for Island to take, it also presents a huge economic opportunity.** Our strong and world-renowned financial sector has a global reach. This and the rapid growth in green and sustainable funds could help a zero-carbon Jersey attract significant inward investment as a trusted partner for all things sustainable as well as supporting our local economy post COVID.
- Jersey has many of the building blocks of a fully sustainable, zero-carbon Island by 2030. What we need is a clear and bold vision coupled with decisive action. Jersey Electricity is fully committed to playing its part on the journey.
Despite being small, we can make a difference.



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