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KiwiRail must upgrade its electric fleet

The Rail and Maritime Transport Union (RMTU) is voicing its support for demonstrators who are rallying at the Cenotaph steps outside of Parliament calling for KiwiRail to reinvest in an electric fleet says RMTU organiser Todd Valster.

%KiwiRail is currently considering downgrading its electric fleet on the North Island Main Trunk Line to a diesel-powered fleet.+

%While the rest of the world is transitioning to clean energy, KiwiRail is considering a downgrade. This isn't the future, Diesel-powered locomotives are the past,+says Valster.

%Over 4000 people have emailed KiwiRail asking for CEO Peter Reidy to invest in an electric fleet. The public is behind clean energy, even if KiwiRail and the government aren't.+

%We need clean energy and clean jobs,+says Valster.

Demonstrators are gathering at the Cenotaph Steps outside of Parliament at midday on Wednesday.

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