

# Confidence and Supply Agreement

Budget 2019 represents major progress towards delivering our Confidence and Supply Agreement with the New Zealand Labour Party, through spending on Sustainable Economy, Healthy Environment, and Fair Society initiatives. The Confidence and Supply Agreement presents 20 policy goals, 16 of which are seeing a combined boost of \$4.9 billion over the next four years.

## SUSTAINABLE ECONOMY POLICY GOALS IN BUDGET 2019

- 1 Zero Emissions:** Adopt and make progress towards the goal of a Net Zero Emissions Economy by 2050, with a particular focus on policy development and initiatives in transport and urban form, energy and primary industries in accordance with milestones to be set by an independent Climate Commission and with a focus on establishing Just Transitions for exposed regions and industries.
  - a) Introduce a Zero Carbon Act and establish an independent Climate Commission
  - b) All new legislation will have a climate impact assessment analysis
  - c) A comprehensive set of environmental, social and economic sustainability indicators will be developed
  - d) A new cross-agency climate change board of public sector CEOs will be established.
- 2 Clean Transport:** Reduce congestion and carbon emissions by substantially increasing investment in safe walking and cycling, frequent and affordable passenger transport, rail, and sea freight.
  - a) Investigate a Green Transport Card to reduce the cost of public transport
  - b) National Land Transport Fund spending reprioritised to increase the investment in rail infrastructure, and cycling and walking
  - c) Auckland's East-West motorway link will not proceed as currently proposed
  - d) Work will begin on light rail from the city to the airport in Auckland
  - e) Safe cycling and walking, especially around schools, will be a transport priority.
- 3 Renewable Energy:** Request the Climate Commission to plan the transition to 100% renewable electricity by 2035 (which includes geothermal) in a normal hydrological year.
  - a) Solar panels on schools will be investigated as part of this goal.
- 5 Sustainable Agriculture:** Provide assistance to the agricultural sector to reduce biological emissions, improve water quality, and shift to more diverse and sustainable land use including more forestry.

## HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT POLICY GOALS IN BUDGET 2019

- 6 Conservation:** Safeguard our indigenous biodiversity by reducing the extinction risk for 3,000 threatened plant and wildlife species, significantly increasing conservation funding, increasing predator control and protecting their habitats.
- 7 Water Quality:** Improve water quality and prioritise achieving healthy rivers, lakes and aquifers with stronger regulatory instruments, funding for freshwater enhancement and winding down Government support for irrigation.
  - a) The Resource Management Act will be better enforced.
- 8 Marine ecosystems:** Safeguard the healthy functioning of marine ecosystems and promote abundant fisheries.
- 9 Waste:** Commit to minimising waste to landfill with significant reductions in all waste classes by 2020.

## FAIR SOCIETY POLICY GOALS IN BUDGET 2019

- 10 Welfare Reform:** Overhaul the welfare system, ensure access to entitlements, remove excessive sanctions and review Working For Families so that everyone has a standard of living and income that enables them to live in dignity and participate in their communities, and lifts children and their families out of poverty.
  - a) Safe sleeping environment devices will be made available for vulnerable families.
- 11 Learning Support:** Ensure that every child with special needs and learning difficulties can participate fully in school life.
- 12 Pay Equity:** Eliminate the gender pay gap within the core public sector with substantial progress within this Parliamentary term, and work to ensure the wider public sector and private sector is on a similar pathway.
- 14 Housing:** Deliver innovative home ownership models within the State and broader community housing programme.
  - a) A Rent to Own scheme or similar progressive ownership models will be developed as part of Labour's Kiwibuild programme.
- 16 Mental Health:** Ensure everyone has access to timely and high quality mental health services, including free counselling for those under 25 years.
- 18 Refugees:** Review, and adequately fund and support, the family re-unification scheme for refugees.
- 19 Drug Addiction:** Increase funding for alcohol and drug addiction services and ensure drug use is treated as a health issue, and have a referendum on legalising the personal use of cannabis at, or by, the 2020 General Election.
- 20 Democracy:** Strengthen New Zealand's democracy by increasing public participation, openness, and transparency around official information.

# Budget 2019

## SUSTAINABLE ECONOMY BUDGET INITIATIVES

	Budget 2019 Page No.	Vote	\$ OPEX	\$ CAPEX
1 Climate Change Commission And Government Response	94	Climate Change	42.7m	0.4m
1 Leading Internationally Through The Global Research Alliance To Reduce Agricultural Emissions	96	Agriculture	8.5m	
2 Auckland City Rail Link: To Improve Access To Employment And Education In Auckland Central	92	Transport		1.4bn
2 Begin The Process Of Replacing The Interisland Ferries To Support A Resilient And Reliable Freight Rail System	92	Transport		35m
2 Replacing Rolling Stock To Support A Resilient And Reliable Freight Rail System	92	Transport		375m
2 Working Capital To Support A Resilient And Reliable Freight Rail System	92	Transport	1m	331m
2 Rail - Maintaining An Electric Locomotive Fleet On The North Island Main Trunk Line	92	Transport	35m	
2a Investigating A Green Transport Card To Make Public Transport More Affordable For Low-Income Households	92	Transport	4.6m	
3 Advanced Energy Technology Platform	96	Research, Science & Innovation	20m	
3 Establishing A National New-Energy Development Centre In Taranaki	96	Economic Development	27m	
3 Industry Futures (Bioresource Processing Alliance And Product Accelerator)	96	Economic Development	18m	
3a Schools Energy Efficiency Package	95	Education	6.1m	13m
5 Productive And Sustainable Land Use: Enabling The Transition In Agriculture	94	Agriculture	122.2m	
5 Agricultural Climate Change Research Platform	96	Research, Science & Innovation	3.2m	

## HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT BUDGET INITIATIVES

6 International Visitor Conservation and Tourism Levy - Forecast	Estimates	Conservation	180m	
6 Increasing And Improving The Management Of Crown Pastoral Land	94	LINZ	3.1m	
6 Improving The Safety And Security Of Conservation Workers And Volunteers	94	Conservation	10.7m	
6 Strategic Science Solutions To Combat Kauri Dieback	95	Research, Science & Innovation	20.8m	
6 Protecting Lakes, Rivers And Lands From Invasive Pests And Weeds	95	LINZ	7.5m	
6 Watts Peninsula: Improving Wellbeing Through The Establishment Of A Reserve	96	LINZ	4m	
7 Freshwater And Transition To A Sustainable And Low Emissions Economy	95	Environment	64.3m	
7a Strengthening The Integrity Of The Environment Management System	95	Environment	30.5m	3.9m
8 Implementing Improved Monitoring Of Fishing Catch On Commercial Fishing Vehicles - Providing Greater Assurance Of Sustainable Fishing Practices	94	Fisheries	13.5m	3.6m
8 Maritime Non-Oil Incident Response: Enabling New Zealand To Effectively Respond To Non-Oil Pollution Incidents At Sea	94	Transport	3.1m	
9 Improving New Zealand's Resource Efficiency By Reducing Waste	94	Environment	4m	
9 Implementation Of The Global Harmonised System Of Chemical Classifications And A New Hazardous Substances Database	93	Environment	1.1m	2.4m
9 Provincial Growth Fund - Projects In The Waste Sector	89	Regional Economic Development	40m	

## FAIR SOCIETY BUDGET INITIATIVES

10 Incomes For People Receiving Benefits: Implementation	59	Social Development	4.7m	
10 Incomes For People Receiving Benefits: Indexing Main Benefits, Removing Deductions And Changing Abatement Thresholds	59	Social Development	530.4m	
11 Learning Support Package	56	Education	335.8m	95m
12 Oranga Tamariki Social Workers Pay Equity Claim Settlement	113	Social Development	114.6m	
12 Pay Equity: Settlement And Programme Costs	113	Education	14.8m	
12 Tools And Resources To Support The Effective Implementation Of The New Pay Equity Regime	113	Workplace Relations	1m	0.1m
14 Papakāinga Development and Rural Housing Repairs For Better Whānau Wellbeing	70	Māori Development	40m	0.1m
16 Expanding Access And Choice Of Primary Mental Health And Addiction Support	38	Health	455.1m	
16 Expanding And Enhancing School Based Health Services	38	Health	19.6m	
16 Expanding Telehealth And Digital Supports For Mental Wellbeing	38	Health	20.8m	
16 Improving Support For People Experiencing A Mental Health Crisis	38	Health	8m	
16 Intensive Parenting Support: Expanding The Pregnancy And Parenting Service To Improve The Wellbeing Outcomes Of Parents And Their Children	38	Health	7m	
16 Mental Wellbeing Support For Parents And Whānau	38	Health	10m	
16 Preventing Suicide And Supporting People Bereaved By Suicide	39	Health	40m	
16 Promoting Wellbeing In Primary And Intermediate Schools	39	Health	2.2m	
16 Forensic Mental Health Services for Young People	40	Health	19m	
18 Increasing The Refugee Quota	108	Immigration	140.5m	7.7m
19 Enhancing Primary Addiction Responses	39	Health	14m	
19 Enhancing Specialist Alcohol And Other Drug Services	39	Health	44m	
19 Increasing Access To Mental Health And Addiction Support	39	Corrections	124.4m	3.9m
19 Te Ara Oranga: Continuing The Methamphetamine Harm Reduction Programme In Northland	39	Health	4m	
19 Referendum On The Legalisation Of Cannabis	116	Justice	13.4m	
20 Ensuring The Stable Delivery Of New Zealand's Electoral System And Providing Enrolment Services On Election Day	115	Justice	75.6m	

**TOTAL**

**\$2.7bn \$2.2bn**