



GreenNews

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Green Party Co-leaders

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***We're committed** to protecting the environment we love and providing a better life for all who live in our beautiful country.*

We believe Aotearoa New Zealand can do politics differently. Real change starts at the grass roots. We are committed to standing alongside New Zealanders who are working to build a better future for our country.

In 2015, thousands of Kiwis joined us as we campaigned for real action on climate pollution. Together we took to the streets, demanding the Government adopt a well considered and ambitious action plan for climate change.

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In Parliament we represented the many children who live in poverty, coming within *one vote* of passing a Bill that would have ensured every hungry child was given a healthy lunch at school.

In 2016, it's clear that our work is more critical than ever. We are ready to roll up our sleeves and we look forward to working with you to achieve real change.



"You can't feed an intuitive mind with an empty stomach."

HEATHER FREEMAN My Kitchen Rules
Grand Finalist and Feed The Kids supporter



Hungry children - not on our watch.

When the Prime Minister voted against our Feed the Kids Bill last year, more than a million people shared a Facebook post expressing dismay at his decision. If only one more MP had voted for the Bill, it would have passed.

This year we will continue to work hard for the hungry children of New Zealand.

Watch this space.

James Metiria

JAMES SHAW AND METIRIA TUREI
Green Party Co-leaders

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JAMES SHAW Green Party Co-leader



A **Shaw** thing

James Shaw is the new Co-leader of the Green Party, replacing Russel Norman. James comes to the Green Party with a background in business; having returned to New Zealand after a successful career overseas advising companies on sustainable business practices.

“The Greens must be economically credible.”

“It’s clear that cleaning up our economy is good for the environment and our economy. There are more good jobs for New Zealanders in clean technology than there are in polluting industries like oil and coal.”

“I want to take us into Government in 2017. The Greens in Government will be brilliant for New Zealand. We have great new ideas to move our country forward and to tackle the big issues like climate change, child poverty and our polluted rivers. We can have a clean environment and a strong economy that works for everyone. That is what I am committed to delivering to New Zealanders.”

Bunny love

Green MP Mojo Mathers celebrated a successful end to the ‘Be Cruelty Free’ campaign in 2015, when **the Green Party convinced the Government to ban the testing of cosmetics on animals** in New Zealand. In opinion polls, more than 89 percent of Kiwis backed the ban, and more than 100,000 people signed #BeCrueltyFree petitions and e-cards.

No other political party is as dedicated to fighting for animal rights as we are.



Green MP Mojo Mathers and Tara Jackson celebrate a successful end to the ‘Be Cruelty Free’ campaign.



The survivors of sexual violence have battled for years against funding cuts that have reduced their access to the services they need. In March 2016, the Government accepted all recommendations of an inquiry into sexual violence services funding initiated by **Green MP Jan Logie**.

The Prime Minister's Chief Science Advisor is just one of dozens of scientific experts who agree with **Green MP Kevin Hague's** call for a levy on fizzy drinks to help curb childhood obesity. It's time to put kids ahead of junk food profits.



State of the Nation



METIRIA TUREI
Green Party
Co-leader

"We see a future where all our families can go swimming in New Zealand's rivers and lakes, where our native birds and forests are humming and we have certainty in a great future for our kids."

In Metiria Turei's State of the Nation speech at the beginning of the year, she outlined a better path for New Zealand.

By contrast, National's short-term focus is damaging New Zealand.



Our new plan for Kiwibank will save New Zealanders money.

Kiwibank for **Kiwis**

When the Reserve Bank cut interest rates, many New Zealanders wondered why their banks didn't pass the savings along to them; their customers.

One of the reasons is that National has limited Kiwibank's ability to compete with the big four Aussie-owned banks, leaving them free to make large profits off Kiwi households and businesses. But Kiwibank can get low rates for all of us. A stronger Kiwibank would lead a change in New Zealand banking. It's the smartest solution to ensure that all the banks pass on the best interest rates to Kiwis.

Our plan for fairer banking:



Strengthen Kiwibank so it can properly compete with the big four Aussie banks and drive them to cut lending rates for all of us.



Help Kiwibank grow by injecting \$100 million of capital into the bank and ensure it can retain more of its profits.

*Assumes a 20 basis point reduction.

Since National came into power

2.123
BILLION MORE
STUDENT DEBT

65,000
MORE CHILDREN
IN POVERTY

11%
INCREASE IN CLIMATE
POLLUTION

50%
OF KIWI WAGES
HAVE FLATLINED

Rivers at risk

The National Government is putting the rivers and lakes we love at risk by setting water standards so low that our waterways only need to be clean enough to wade in.

Under National, nearly two thirds of our rivers are no longer clean enough to swim in, due in part to large scale dairy farming around the country.

Our rivers won't stand a chance while National is focused on increasing the number of cows on the land, rather than adding value to the milk we already produce.



We say our rivers should be clean enough to swim in.



Our clean water campaign saw a major victory earlier this year when the state farming company Landcorp scaled back its plans to put more cows in the Waikato.



The Green Party's advocacy for New Zealand lakes and rivers is some of the most important and successful work we do. **A stronger Green Party means more swimmable rivers.**

62%

of monitored waterways in New Zealand are unsafe for swimming

75%

of fresh water native fish are threatened or at risk

1°

warming every 30 years in our lakes due to climate change

Fresh water woes

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