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Smart green economy

The Green Party has a clear economic plan that creates decent jobs, adds resilience to our economy, and protects our natural environment. Here are three good reasons to transition to a green economy now....

economy

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A green economy creates local jobs

Green growth is worth an estimated \$6 trillion per year world-wide. Just one part of that, the global market for renewable energy technology, is forecast to reach an annual value of \$590-\$800 billion by 2015. We have a plan to supercharge our power companies to become large-scale exporters of renewable energy technology so we can seize this market.

A green economy protects our environment

In the case of energy, more than half of our electricity already comes from renewable sources but we can do more.

A green economy is good for business

We will support business to take advantage of rapid growth in the clean technology sector through tax incentives, a new start-up fund and a big boost to R&D funding.

In addition, Government can lead the way through green procurement policies that favour buying New Zealand made, environmentally sustainable goods and services.

“Increasing our renewable energy production, so it becomes 100% clean and green, is good for the environment and the economy.”

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“If we can secure just a fraction of the global clean energy market, we can build a multi-billion dollar export industry here at home that will support good green jobs and build a smart green economy.”

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Standing with families to protect public education

Families

All families deserve a fair go, but the evidence shows that while families on high incomes have been doing okay under National, many of our families are worse off. In fact, our research shows that a typical family could be up to \$11,000 worse off every year.

The Government has just introduced new costs on families including higher charges for medicines and early childhood education which will make that situation even worse. Those who can least afford it will be hit the hardest.

20% The cost of early childhood education has gone up 20% under the National Government

But we are fighting back. Strong public pressure stopped the Government from increasing class sizes in our schools. New Zealanders know that bigger classes are worse for our children's learning, and together we are standing up for high quality public education.

family

“The outcry over class sizes shows you can make a difference and the Government will back down over unpopular policy.”

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The Green Party believes we should be increasing our investment in all levels of education so every Kiwi kid gets a world class education.

The Green Party has a vision for a compassionate economy in which all our families and children are looked after.

We think every Kiwi kid deserves a decent start in life. When we make sure our children get the essentials so that they can fulfil their potential we will all benefit from a richer, stronger Aotearoa.

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Home insulation a billion dollar success

“All the boxes are ticked with impressive economic, health, social and environmental benefits delivered.”

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greens.org.nz/heatSMART

The Green Party is in Parliament because we want to lead good green change. So we are proud to say that our home insulation scheme, rolled out as part of the Green Party memorandum of understanding with the National Government, is a success story.

These healthy homes have prevented 18 deaths and saved \$1.68 billion, according to recent reports from the Ministry of Economic Development. The programme has saved lives amongst those 65 years and older who had previously been hospitalised with respiratory illness.

This success story is smart green economics at work.

Family scenario	Income today	Real change since '08
The solo parent 1 child, works two half days a week, studying nursing.	\$32,500	-\$5740
The typical family Two earners, one part-time, one with a student loan, 3 kids.	\$71,500	-\$11,060
Top 10% family Two earners, one part-time, 3 kids.	\$250,000	+\$12,250
The top 1%	\$306,000	+\$19,280

for facts and figures behind these numbers go to greens.org.nz/greentimes



Standing up for everyday New Zealanders

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Protecting our rivers and lakes

New Zealanders love our rivers and lakes and want to protect them. The Green Party is working in Parliament and the community to protect these beautiful and unique places and we have had some success.

Meridian Energy has withdrawn its plans to dam the Mokihinui River following pressure from a range of groups, including the Green Party. Meridian's proposal would have destroyed an irreplaceable river gorge habitat for kiwi, blue duck, kaka, falcons, giant land snails, native bats, and the long-finned eels.

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"By stopping the dam we are protecting our treasured native species. It is fantastic that this beautiful wild river has been saved."

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Last election, the Green Party promised to set a national environmental standard for freshwater, and now the Government's own taskforce, the Land and Water Forum, has also recommended that the Government set such a standard.

water

More than half of our monitored rivers are unsafe for swimming and one-third of our lakes are unhealthy. The Green Party is committed to cleaning them up so that one day our children and grandchildren can swim in them.

"If we want clean rivers and lakes we need strong national standards for freshwater."

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We're working hard to achieve good green change.

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Connect with us

Through the internet and social media we can all participate in the great green discussion in more ways than ever. This unprecedented level of connectivity is helping to create good green change all over the world and here in Aotearoa New Zealand.

Visit the destinations listed below to get involved!

Kia ora

Welcome to Greentimes 2012.

It's great to be here in Parliament after our best ever election result, and with a fantastic new team of 14 MPs.

This means we have an even stronger voice to speak up for the things that really matter – strong communities, a beautiful environment and a smart, green economy that works for everyone.

We are leading good green change by working alongside the Government to make our homes warm, dry and healthy. The home insulation programme is part of our memorandum of understanding

with the National Government and not only is it creating jobs, it is saving lives and money too.

We are changing the agenda by speaking up against bad Government decisions.

We helped stop the Government's planned increase in class sizes.

Our work has led to an Auditor-General investigation into the Government's dubious SkyCity casino deal.

We have helped trigger a clean-up of ACC's leadership by demanding integrity in the public service and by keeping pressure on the Government to do better.

We are using our strong voice to speak up for public ownership of assets, to oppose moves to undermine our social safety net and to protect our environment from harmful fracking.

We look forward to continuing to push for the good green change that's needed in Aotearoa.



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