



Climate Protection Plan

For a better future

We're the first generation that will feel the effects of climate change and the last that can stop it. We have a responsibility to act.

Meeting the challenge of climate change means protecting what we love and transforming our economy and society for the better. The Green Party will:

- 1.** Pass a Zero Carbon Act in our first 100 days in government, to legally bind all future governments to the goal of reaching net zero emissions by 2050.
- 2.** Establish an independent Climate Commission to advise the government on climate targets, emissions prices, and report on progress.
- 3.** Replace the Emissions Trading Scheme with a new Kiwi Climate Fund. The Fund will put a charge on climate pollution, provide a guaranteed payment to people who plant trees, and recycle all remaining revenue to New Zealanders 18 and older via an annual dividend (estimated to be \$250 per person in 2020).

Initial payments and charges in the Kiwi Climate Fund by 2020 are expected to be:

- a. \$40 per tonne of carbon dioxide emissions.
 - b. \$6 per tonne of nitrous oxide emissions from agriculture.
 - c. \$3 per tonne of methane emissions from agriculture.
 - d. \$40 guaranteed payment for each tonne of carbon sequestered by planting trees.
- 4.** Support the planting of 1.2 billion trees over 1.1 million hectares of erosion-prone land. This will be funded via forestry payments from the Kiwi Climate Fund and through the creation of a \$40 million grant for native forest planting.
 - 5.** Establish a \$100 million Green Infrastructure Fund to attract private investment into new, clean infrastructure and industries.
 - 6.** Create a \$210 million Transformational Farming Partnership Fund to support farmers to transition to sustainable agriculture and adapt to climate change. We will accelerate depreciation on dairy farm equipment to ease the transition, and

establish the 'Good Food Aotearoa' accreditation scheme to help farmers take advantage of growing demand for high-value sustainably-grown food.

7. Commit to no new coal mines, fracking, and deep-sea oil and gas drilling.
8. Direct public investment funds (e.g. the Super Fund and ACC Fund) to divest from companies directly involved in exploration, mining, and production of fossil fuels.
9. Commit to 100 percent renewable electricity generation by 2030 by phasing out fossil fuel generation and incentivising clean, renewable energy.
10. Invest in clean, electric transport, including new rail lines in Auckland and Wellington.
 - a. Complete the electrification of the North Island Main Trunk Line.
 - b. Set ambitious emission standards for imported vehicles.
 - c. Exempt electric vehicles from fringe benefit tax.
 - d. Invest \$1 billion over 10 years to create safe cycling networks in all major cities and towns.
11. Create a new humanitarian visa category for people displaced by climate change in the Pacific.

The biggest challenge and the greatest opportunity of our time

The Green Party's climate protection plan will allow New Zealand to take advantage of the opportunities climate change brings while doing our bit to protect the planet for future generations. It will help modernise New Zealand's economy by encouraging investment in long-term, sustainable jobs in industries that are growing, not in industries that are in their twilight years.

Collective action is essential. Nearly a quarter of global climate pollution comes from countries like ours that, on their own, contribute less than one percent of global pollution.

Starting the transition today to create a low-carbon economy will give New Zealand businesses and farmers a competitive advantage so they can cash in on the new demand in global markets.

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The logo for the Green Party, featuring a stylized green leaf above the word "Green" in a white, serif font.

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