



Russel Norman talking with Anchor Wire Limited about the state of New Zealand's manufacturing industry.

A smart, green economy that works for everyone

The Green Party has the solutions to create green jobs that look after our economy and our environment.

jobs

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Metiria Turei
Green Party Co-leader

All our kids deserve a good life and a fair future

We are working hard to make sure all Kiwi kids are guaranteed a warm, dry home, healthy food, and the opportunity to achieve their full potential through outstanding education.

kids

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Our smart green plan can create 100,000 new jobs

Our green plan can achieve this by growing sustainable exports and renewable energy.

We'll create new jobs through government investment, supporting small and medium enterprises, and shifting the drivers for green jobs in the private sector.

Our practical solutions, like a cornerstone investment in a second international internet cable, will lower internet costs for families, businesses, and help Kiwi digital companies to prosper.

We want your power bill to be cheaper

That's why we have launched our Empowering New Zealand plan. We will set up a single buyer for electricity called NZ Power that will:

- 1 negotiate cheaper power prices
- 2 deliver you cheaper power by giving each household a block of low cost electricity every month
- 3 strengthen the role of energy efficiency and green energy within our electricity system.

Empowering New Zealand means Kiwis now have a real choice about New

Zealand's energy future. Our plan will save you money and result in cleaner energy. It puts the shared interests of all New Zealand ahead of private interests.



Our plan will cut your power bills by around \$300 a year and increase our use of renewables.

This year we will continue to develop smart green solutions

Solutions that create jobs and lift incomes while looking after the environment on which our economy and communities depend.

Home for life

In January I outlined our 'Home for Life' policy, which helps low and middle income earners buy their own homes and ensures healthy and secure housing for renters.

Many young families can't afford to raise a deposit for a mortgage or meet a bank's interest charges. Our plan would see government build new homes, then share ownership with families who 'rent' from the government at the same time as purchasing a small amount of equity in their home. The more equity the family owns, the less rent they pay over time.

New Zealand should be a great place to grow up

All kids deserve to grow up safe, happy, and healthy. We will make sure that kids who need support get it. One of the ways we can do this is by making sure that all our kids get a great education.

Schools are the heart of the community, but they are under huge pressure at the moment. That is why it is a top priority for the Green Party to promote a public education system that provides all children and families with the opportunity to reach their full potential.

Healthy kids ready to learn

We have just launched our plan to bring in school nurses for every decile 1 to 3 primary school. This will help kids and families get the healthcare they need.

Watch this space – this is just the start of our plan to strengthen our education system so that all kids are healthy, happy and ready to learn. We are committed to programmes on housing, education and welfare to help make child poverty in New Zealand history. With your help we can do it.

170,000 jobs promised
by National over 4 years from 2011.
And yet...
30,000 jobs lost in 2012.

Time for smart, green economics – not empty promises

Times are hard for the 300,000 jobless Kiwis and their families. National's broken promises don't help.

New Zealand needs the Green Party's smart, green economic plan. It's all about protecting and creating sustainable jobs, fixing failed policies, and backing industries of the future.



Piha Beach, Aotearoa, New Zealand

Our beautiful coastline deserves protection.

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Our pristine beaches and unique marine wildlife are part of our national identity

But these animals and our treasured coastline are under threat from deep sea drilling. The National Government has recently granted permits to conduct drilling in waters as deep as 2750 metres. If there is a leak from a deep sea oil rig there is no easy way to stop it.

The consequence for New Zealand's environment, economy and reputation would be catastrophic. Deep sea drilling is not worth the risk.



We want to work with you for the things that matter

You can help build a better green future for New Zealand

In 2010, people power stopped the Government allowing mining in our national parks. Last year parents and schools forced the Government to change its mind on its plan for bigger class sizes, and people power saved the wild Mokihinui River from an 85 metre high dam.

These victories don't happen by accident. People working together make a difference. If you want to build a better future then we want to connect with you. You don't have to be a Green Party member to get involved.

Here is some information about a few of the key issues we are working on in 2013. Just fill in your contact details and identify which issues you want to help out with and we will be in touch. Together we can make a difference.



Reconnect Auckland

Reconnect Auckland is our campaign for affordable, sustainable and smart transport solutions for our biggest city. If you want a CBD rail link, investment in better and faster public transport, and safer walking and cycling then this is the campaign to get on board with.

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Stop Deep Sea Drilling

New Zealanders love our beautiful coastline and the unique and special wildlife that lives in our oceans. But these precious animals and our treasured beaches are under threat from deep sea drilling. The only sure way to protect our beaches and oceans from oil spills is to say no to deep sea drilling.

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Take the Step to end child poverty

Take the Step is our campaign to end child poverty in NZ. In 2013, we're focusing on providing Kiwi kids with affordable, healthy homes, and protecting our public education system so it remains free, inclusive, and helps every kid reach their potential. If you want to make child poverty history then we want to work with you.

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Clean Rivers

New Zealand markets itself to the world as being 100% Pure. But over half of our monitored rivers are unsafe for swimming, one-third of our lakes are unhealthy and two-thirds of our native freshwater fish species are at risk or threatened with extinction. If you want to protect our waterways then get involved in our clean rivers campaign.

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GREEN PARTY CO-LEADERS

News from the Green team in Parliament Winter 2013

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Kia ora

As we pass the half-way mark of this Parliamentary term, our team is working hard on smart green solutions to achieve a better future for you and New Zealand.

We are constantly looking ahead and developing fresh ideas to create more sustainable jobs for all those who need them, to nurture and inspire our children, and to protect our environment for the future.

Housing has become a major issue for many New Zealanders, with unaffordable housing and poor quality rental properties. Our Home for Life scheme will help thousands of families buy their own homes, or make sure their rental is safe and warm.

We believe that everyone should continue to own our power companies, not just those who can afford to buy shares. We've helped to lead the charge against the sale of your public assets. We have also recently released our plan to reduce your power bill by up to \$300 a year and improve energy efficiency.

We are promoting solutions to help create green jobs and help New Zealand transition to a smart, green economy that works for everyone. Our plans include expanding the home insulation programme, investing in a

We're proposing smart, green solutions to achieve a better future for New Zealand

second international internet cable, supporting research and development, making tax changes, and much more.

We are campaigning to ensure our rivers become safe to swim in again, and that our coastlines are protected from the threats of dangerous deep sea drilling.

We're also busy keeping the Government honest. Our work led to the Auditor-General's report on the Government's SkyCity pokies-for-convention-centre deal, which found an unfair process that favoured the casino all along. Increased problem gambling

should not be the price of building a convention centre.

It's an exciting time to be leading good green change. Please check out the back page of this newsletter to find out how you can get involved. We want to give everyone the opportunity to be part of good green change in New Zealand.

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