

Key elements of our policy direction

Work in partnership with Iwi/ Māori, and with local government, to ensure the transition to a low emissions economy is firmly rooted in the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi/The Treaty of Waitangi.

Send clear and consistent signals about how Aotearoa will transition to low emissions and work together across political parties, government agencies and local government.

Improve the New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme so that it provides stronger market incentives to drive low emissions choices.

Make sure all government policy and investment decisions support the transition to low emissions.

Drive system transformation by supporting innovation, mobilising finance for low-emissions investments and supporting behaviour change.

Increase the circularity of the economy and develop a thriving bioeconomy that delivers emissions reductions.

Take action to reduce emissions from existing and new urban areas and improve understanding of how changes to urban form and function can reduce emissions.

Provide affordable, reliable and convenient low-emissions alternatives to high emissions vehicles.

Introduce measures to make sure vehicles entering the fleet are efficient and to accelerate uptake of electric vehicles. Create options to decarbonise heavy transport and freight.

Develop a national energy strategy to decarbonise the energy system and introduce measures to make sure the electricity sector is ready to meet future needs.

Accelerate the switch to low-emissions fuels for process heat and drive energy efficiency improvements. Develop a plan to transform buildings to be low emissions.

Reduce emissions from waste, through measures that reduce the amount of waste generated and increase resource recovery.

Introduce policies, incentives and tools to speed up emissions reductions from agriculture. Support farmers to identify changes and put them in place. Invest to open up more options for deeper emissions reductions.

Reduce reliance on forestry carbon removals and manage the impacts of afforestation.

Incentivise the reversion and planting of new native forests to create an enduring carbon sink.

Support a Māori-led approach to an equitable transition for Iwi/Māori and the Māori economy.

Design an equitable transitions strategy that results in a fair, inclusive and equitable transition.