

Climate Action in Aotearoa

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What our advice could mean for
New Zealanders



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Our advice

Our advice provides Aotearoa with a comprehensive strategy for tackling climate change.

FOUR AREAS:

- Level of the first three emissions budgets from 2022-2035
- Direction of policy for the Government's Emission Reduction Plan
- Consistency of New Zealand's first NDC with staying below 1.5 degrees of warming
- Eventual reductions in biogenic methane which might be required.

Our advice

- We can reach net zero of long-lived gases and reduce methane significantly by 2050.
- We will not reach our targets under current policy settings.
- Work to reduce emissions must be accelerated.

Where to find out more

In previous webinars, we have covered:

- How our models work
- Our path to 2035
- Getting to 1.5 degrees and the NDC
- The impacts of climate action: mitigation and adaptation
- Agriculture and forestry in the transition to low emissions
- The role of the ETS

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What does this mean for New Zealanders?

- Our analysis shows that we can reduce emissions while improving overall living standards
- There are many significant and immediate co-benefits, such as improved health outcomes
- The impacts will not be evenly distributed so targeted assistance is needed

What does this mean for households?

- Our analysis found that our proposed emissions budgets would not increase bills for most households
- Households on gas for heating and cooking would face higher costs
- Not all households would benefit equally - targeted assistance is needed to ensure that low income households are able to access technologies

Access to transport

- Petrol and diesel cars will be more expensive

Low carbon options:

- Public transport
- Walking and cycling (e-bikes)
- Car/ride sharing options
- Electric vehicles – cheaper to run and maintain

What does this mean for businesses?

- How each business responds will vary
- The transition to a low emissions society will bring a mix of opportunities, benefits, challenges and costs
- Risks to competitiveness and emissions leakage can be managed
- Businesses need stable and predictable policy to make investment decisions

→ A well-signalled transition will allow businesses time to plan, adapt and innovate

Impact on communities

- Broader health co-benefits: better air quality, less noise and more active travel
- Need to ensure that policies consider the impact on rural communities, low income groups, the disability community, iwi/Māori, other ethnicities
- Importance of education and training for setting up the skills needed in the future
- Transition planning will need to be tailored for the community by the community

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