

Submit on NZ's second Emissions Reduction Plan

Shout out to Liz Springford & the NZCAN community for the submission guide!

The Climate Change Commission, who gives the government independent advice on climate policies, wants to know what YOU want in the Government's second Emissions Reduction Plan. This will set our emissions budgets for 2026-2030 across everything from agriculture, to energy, to transport, to wellbeing.

Although the 2nd emissions reduction plan will focus on keeping within 2nd and 3rd emissions budgets, these budgets are way too generous for NZ to transform at the urgency and scale this climate emergency demands. We're still piling up climate debt at who knows what cost for offshore emissions. The current Emissions Reductions Plan has been so ineffective at reducing emissions we will likely have to pay [\\$24 billion in international offsets](#) to compensate for our slow progress on our goals.

It's time for you to have your say what you want for a better, more hopeful, fairer, Tiriti-centred, healthy climate future here in Aotearoa... Thanks!!!

Today (Tuesday 20 June) is the last day to submit!

The Commission says:

"You don't need to answer every question or comment on every aspect of our draft advice (unless you want to) – you can focus on the parts that interest you, or provide feedback on the whole thing"

"If your responses are supported by high-quality, credible evidence, including from te ao Māori and mātauranga Māori, please include it in your submission as this will support our work on Aotearoa New Zealand's emissions reduction plans."



If you have 5 minutes

1. [Go to the Climate Change Commission submissions page here](#)
2. Enter your name & contact details, then choose the option to write about **your one big thing**.
3. Look at the "Three Big Ideas" section below, copy & paste what matters to you most, and tweak to personalise/reflect what's important to you.



If you have 30 minutes

4. [Go to the Climate Change Commission submissions page here](#)
5. Enter your name & contact details, then choose the option to either write about your one big thing, or the survey topics that matter to you

6. Write a response using some of the ideas (below) that might help you write about what matters to you.
 - a. [Have a read of this article listing what it's missing as inspiration](#).
 - b. Pick what matters to you. Short or long, the Commission will consider every submission.
 - c. Make it personal. Add your own story, what you want to see, and why.

You can also email your submissions to haveyoursay@climatecommission.govt.nz if you don't want to use the form.

More info:

- Have a read of the [CCC's brief briefing and webinar](#)
- [Read the draft advice online](#) or [download the PDF](#)
- [About this draft advice](#)
- [Consultation: How to get involved](#)

Three Big Ideas

Real systems-level action – transform, not tweak

- **Emissions reductions goals need to be clear and strong** – the Commission must state how many emissions each sector must cut during the second and third budgets; not the vague 'efficiency' goals suggested for agriculture, aviation, electricity supply & F-gases
- End new oil, gas and coal exploration and extraction on land and at sea
- Urban planning & transport
 - Much more funding is needed to accelerate **free public transport, safe cycleway and walkway urban networks by 2026**, plus **rapid public transport by 2030**, for most trips – with much less spending on building road infrastructure (e.g. repurposing existing lanes for cycleways).
 - Quickly grow **energy-smart and higher density housing** – with easy walkway, cycleway, car share and public transport access
 - Restore passenger rail to provide low-emissions inter-regional transport options as an alternative to aviation.
- Emissions Trading Scheme
 - Get the **Emissions Trading Scheme working after twelve years of 'transition': end industrial allocations by 2024**
 - **Add agriculture into ETS by 2024** (or similar pollution pricing, because this is half NZ's total emissions)
 - Ensure all NZ industries pay the **full price** of their pollution by **2030**
- Forestry
 - **Fix forestry** to get the forests and sustainable future NZers want – not a cheap pine cop-out
- Jobs & just transition

- **Smarter industry support** - increased funding support for decarbonisation (eg. cutting fossil fuels used for heat processes), and training people for decarbonising work
- Energy
 - Accelerate the just transition to public and locally-owned, nature-friendly, **renewable electricity**
- Agriculture
 - **Transition industrial farming** to low emissions by phasing out synthetic nitrogen fertiliser and imported animal feed, reducing herds (to also cut methane fast), and banning new large-scale irrigation schemes.
- Ecosystems
 - **Maximise the role of native forests, oceans, wetlands and estuaries** in absorbing and storing carbon – by controlling deer, goats and possums, native reforestation, ending bottom trawling, reversing kina barrens, and doubling the area of wetlands
 - **Protect native ecosystems** from any further degradation, and restore water and terrestrial habitats – by recognising the intrinsic value of nature and putting strong environmental bottom lines in resource management reform

Health & wellbeing

- **Maximising health gains** now from climate action is ‘fundamental’ for success
- **Health ‘co-benefits’** are immediate health gains from climate-friendly housing, more plant-based foods, and much better walkways, cycleways and public transport. Done well, fast and fairly, these cut our climate debt, health sector and household living costs – funding climate action twice-over.
- Quickly grow **energy-smart and higher density housing** – with easy walkway, cycleway, car share and public transport access
- Much more funding to accelerate **free public transport, safe cycleway and walkway urban networks by 2026**, plus **rapid public transport by 2030**, for most trips – which improves public health through active lifestyles, mental health benefits, and reduced air pollution.
- **Rapidly expand car share** (cars for hourly hire) as urban public transport by 2026, to help grow cycleways, walkways, public transport and housing, by better land use.

Climate justice

- **Co-governance with Māori** at all levels in climate action – grounded in Te Tiriti o Waitangi
- A **just transition for the Māori economy** to low emissions activities
- A **just transition that includes adaptation** – adaptation also falls unfairly on those who have the least resources (as this year’s extreme weather shows)
- A **just transition for workers** as key decision-drivers in transition planning – with funded retraining, multi-employer redeployment, income support for lost jobs, economic diversification, and other transition support
- **Stand with Pacific neighbours** for international climate justice – including a Just Transition to a Fossil Fuel Free Pacific