



Green Party Manifesto 2023

The time is now.

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People, nature, and climate are connected. For one to thrive, they all must.

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Our vision is a climate-friendly Aotearoa that honours Te Tiriti and meets the needs of everyone within the boundaries of the planet, so that we and the rest of nature can thrive.

We are proud of the progress we have made.

Over the last six years we have taken more action on climate change than the previous three decades of governments combined, secured the biggest ever boost in funding to protect native plants and animals, and delivered New Zealand's first ever plan to eliminate family violence and sexual violence. We have had big Green wins in areas like rainbow issues, alcohol regulation, seabed mining, and electoral reform.

But the pace of change is too slow.

A vote for the Greens puts more Green MPs around the decision making table where we can truly shape the direction of the next Government. A Government that will take bold action to build a cleaner, fairer future for all of us.

Outlined in these pages is our plan to make it happen.

With more Green MPs we can build a future where all of our energy needs are met by clean power; where the land has healed and wildlife thrives; and where everyone has a liveable income and an affordable home to make their own - all paid for with a fair tax system.

The image shows two handwritten signatures in black ink. The signature on the left is 'James Shaw' and the signature on the right is 'M Davidson'. Both are written in a cursive, flowing style.

James Shaw and Marama Davidson, Green Party Co-leaders



Children

A future where all children and young people can thrive

The Green Party will ensure whānau and communities have everything they need to thrive.

Aotearoa can be the best place in the world to grow up, where all children, young people and whānau have what they need to live healthy, happy lives.

Right now, far too many of our tamariki are missing out, especially in their crucial and formative early years. When these years are a time of stress for families, there can be long-term consequences for our kids and their wellbeing.

The Green Party has pushed to make sure our tamariki have the best possible start in life and are supported to grow and thrive. Over the past six years, thousands of children have been lifted out of poverty. However, the progress is too slow.

Our Income Guarantee will ensure all families have enough to provide for their children. We will also ensure whānau have a safe, comfortable, and affordable place to call home, and every child will receive a high-quality, free, accessible public education.

The time is now to ensure every child has what they need to flourish.

Our plan

- ★ Ensure legislation, policy and practice meet Aotearoa's human rights obligations under the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, and that the recommendations of the Committee on the Rights of the Child are fully implemented.
- ★ Build on work being undertaken across government to address racism and discrimination and increase children's belonging and cultural connection – including through social cohesion and inclusion programmes at all schools.
- ★ Strengthen children's voices and participation in decision making by requiring a children's interest analysis for relevant government policy decisions, and establishing a forum through which their perspectives can be incorporated into policy, legislation and planning, particularly on climate change issues.
- ★ Provide equitable access to social services for children with additional needs and their whānau, focused on both early intervention and continued support, including better respite services for parents.
- ★ Ensure all children and young people can access free mental health services that meets their needs, wherever they are in Aotearoa.
- ★ Re-establish independent monitoring powers for the Children's Commissioner and ensure they are adequately funded, retain their independence and advocacy role, and are resourced to take on responsibility for promoting the understanding of the rights of tamariki and rangatahi under te Tiriti o Waitangi.
- ★ Implement the recommendations in He Pāharakeke, he Rito Whakakīkinga Whāruarua, to protect the rights of tamariki Māori to grow up safe, secure, and connected to their whakapapa.

Climate action - emissions reduction

Bold action to cut climate pollution

The Green Party will take bold action to cut climate pollution at the speed and scale required.

Over the last six years, the Green Party has done more to protect the climate than the past 30 years of governments combined. We have put in place the strongest climate plan Aotearoa has ever had, paid for by polluters. But climate pollution is not coming down fast enough.

The next government must pick up the pace and scale of climate action. It will be crucial to have people around the table making decisions that are consistent with warming limited to 1.5 degrees.

The time is now to prioritise climate action that builds thriving communities that work for people and nature, and honours tino rangatiratanga of hapū and iwi.

Strong climate action means warmer homes that are more affordable to heat. More people will have the choice to walk or cycle – or ride on fast, frequent, affordable buses or trains that run on clean electricity.

We will produce food in ways that are good for the planet, good for people, and good for farmers. Our native forests and wetlands, oceans, and green urban spaces will thrive. And we'll create thousands of new sustainable jobs.



Our plan

- ★ Establish a standalone Ministry of Climate Change, with clear direction to create a Tiriti-based approach to managing the transition to a zero carbon, climate resilient Aotearoa.
- ★ Empower the Climate Change Commission to directly set unit supply in the Emissions Trading Scheme, in line with Emissions Budgets.
- ★ Strengthen the Zero Carbon Act by requiring government decisions to be consistent with limiting global warming to 1.5 degrees, setting gross emissions reduction targets, and bringing the processes for setting international commitments into the same framework.
- ★ Introduce a price on agricultural emissions, to ensure methane reduction targets are met, with reinvestment in on-farm emissions reduction.
- ★ Ensure that the Emissions Trading Scheme includes all scientifically credible forms of sequestration, such as indigenous reforestation and restoring coastal wetlands, with capacity building to maximise the opportunity for nature-based solutions and biodiversity co-benefits, including dedicated support for Māori landowners.
- ★ Ensure Aotearoa meets our Paris Agreement commitments through strong domestic action and environmentally and socially responsible initiatives overseas.



Climate action - resilience and adaptation

Preparing our homes and communities for what's ahead

The Green Party will support communities to prepare for the impacts of climate change.

Over the last two years we have seen the devastating impact floods and fires can have. Aotearoa needs a government that will take urgent action to cut climate pollution, as well as adapting to what cannot be avoided.

As part of the Government, we have put in place Aotearoa's first ever plan to prepare communities for the impacts of climate change. And it's just the start.

The Green Party will take action to adapt our homes and communities for the climate future that is already with us.

Our plan includes making sure homes and buildings are designed and built to handle extreme weather.

We will protect and restore the natural world, so healthy native forests, wetlands, floodplains, and mangroves can help defend us from the impact of extreme weather. We will build resilient infrastructure for drinking water, energy, and food, so that communities have everything they need to support each other when extreme weather comes.

The Green Party will guide Aotearoa to a zero-emissions, climate-resilient future, while upholding Te Tiriti o Waitangi. The time is now.

Our plan

- ★ Pass a Climate Change Adaptation Bill that includes specific measures and targets to drive a long-term policy response through an equitable, Tiriti-based framework.
- ★ Ensure climate adaptation planning affirms tino rangatiratanga and upholds the mana motuhake of whānau, hapū and iwi over whenua, wai, and taonga.
- ★ Prioritise long-term, nature-based solutions over short-term engineering solutions, in alignment with tikanga Māori, and increase funding for community organisations to deliver these.
- ★ Ensure planning frameworks give effect to the need for climate adaptation in the approach to land and water use, together with supporting ecosystem restoration and conservation.
- ★ Establish a dedicated fund for central and local government to implement climate adaptation and resilience measures, including funding for partnerships with tangata whenua and community organisations.
- ★ Scale up support for, and work with, neighbouring countries in the Pacific to adapt to climate change.

Conservation & biodiversity

Protecting our precious native plants and animals for generations to come

The Green Party will protect the rivers, land, forests, beaches, and oceans we all rely on for our clean air, water to drink, kai, and health.

Aotearoa is home to natural taonga found nowhere else in the world.

But right now, corporations are plundering the oceans and tearing up the land, pushing precious native wildlife to the brink of extinction. Many of our native plants and animals are suffering - and we're at risk of losing them forever.

The Green Party knows that the mauri and health of the natural world is crucial to the health and wellbeing of our people, our climate, and our communities. We will prioritise action to protect our moana and indigenous ecosystems so they can regenerate and flourish.

The time is now for action to restore our rivers, oceans, forests and wildlife to health for the benefit of everyone, now and in the future.

Our plan

- ★ Reform the Reserves Act including to give effect to te Tiriti o Waitangi.
- ★ Ban new mining on conservation land, including stewardship land.
- ★ Commit to doubling the extent of natural wetlands by 2050, including helping landowners identify where wetlands can be restored to provide nature-based solutions to flooding.
- ★ Provide financial recognition for protecting and enhancing indigenous biodiversity on private land, including targeted support for Māori landowners to be able to access the scheme.
- ★ Increase funding and support for the Predator Free 2050 goal, weed and pest control, including for Rāukumara Pae Maunga, and ensure conservation values guide control of browsing species such as deer and tahr.
- ★ Review and continue funding for Jobs for Nature – Mahi mō te Taiao which has invested in community and iwi and hāpu-led conservation across the motu.
- ★ Work with Ngāi Tahu to eradicate mice, pigs and cats on the sub-Antarctic Maukahuka Auckland Islands.
- ★ Implement global biodiversity targets in domestic legislation.
- ★ Ringfence all proceeds of the visitor levy for conservation and biodiversity projects.





Culture & creativity

Supporting artists to thrive

The Green Party will ensure better working conditions, more certainty, and greater opportunities for Aotearoa’s artists and creatives.

Our art, artists and creatives tell the stories of our communities and help make sense of the world around us.

Previous governments have starved the sector of necessary investment. Right now, many of our creatives are working without the certainty of a stable income. Many don’t even know if there will be a suitable venue to showcase what they have created.

Arts, culture, and creativity is vital for healthy, vibrant people and communities. Like other community infrastructure, the arts, culture, and creative sector needs proper support.

It is time to ensure artists and creatives are valued, respected, and recognised for their work. We will fund artists properly and support the local venues that are critical for artists to build an audience.

Together, we can support the people behind the books, music, movies, shows, and images we love.

Our plan

- ★ Ensure all publicly-funded projects pay at least the living wage to artists, and expand paid artist residencies including Whiria te Tangata.
- ★ Support and invest in repatriating taonga currently overseas, back to iwi, hapū, and whānau Māori.
- ★ Provide stable funding for cultural and creative organisations and events both nationally and regionally, including long-term funding commitments for significant creative initiatives such as Te Matatini and the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra.
- ★ Ensure that there are a range of creative education and training opportunities to support and expand the local creative sector.
- ★ Fund alcohol-free venues, and replace arts funding from gambling revenue with stable, increased investment indexed to inflation.
- ★ Support increased funding for quality, non-commercial public media that nurtures and promotes our talent and creativity as a nation, reflecting the unique social and cultural diversity of Aotearoa.
- ★ Increase resourcing for student, community Māori, and Pasifika media and radio.

Democracy

Politics for people, not big money

The Green Party will ensure politics works for everyone.

From healthcare and education, to protecting the environment for future generations, it's crucial that our democracy represents the diversity of Aotearoa.

While we can be proud of our democracy compared to many other countries, there is no room to be complacent. Successive governments have not done enough to curb the influence of big corporate interests.

The richest few can spend millions trying to influence government decisions, while politicians ignore the Supreme Court ruling that 16 and 17-year-olds should be able to vote.

The Green Party has always fought for a more transparent and fair democracy with te Tiriti o Waitangi as its foundation.

We have achieved some major changes – including allowing Māori to switch electoral rolls at any time, and limiting anonymous political donations.

The time is now to create a more representative democracy by lowering the voting age to 16, reinstating prisoner voting rights, and capping the influence of big money.

Our plan

- ★ Resource the implementation of Matike Mai recommendations to ensure constitutional arrangements recognise He Whakaputanga o te Rangatiratanga o Niu Tirenī and te Tiriti o Waitangi, starting by initiating formal dialogue with iwi, hapū and Māori organisations.
- ★ Uphold the right to vote by reducing the voting age to 16 in both local and general elections, and extending voting rights to all people in prison.
- ★ Entrench the Māori electoral seats to guarantee Māori representation in Parliament.
- ★ Reform electoral funding in line with independent recommendations by the Independent Electoral Review.
- ★ Strengthen accountability by reforming the Official Information Act and providing greater transparency of political lobbying, including through a lobbyist register and code of conduct.
- ★ Require civics education in schools and fund adult civics education, run by the Electoral Commission.
- ★ Explore a Tiriti-based citizens' assembly to consider other constitutional reform issues including those arising from the Independent Electoral Review, such as a shift to a four-year term, political donations, and public funding of election campaigns.





Disability

An Aotearoa accessible for all

The Green Party will build an inclusive Aotearoa where everyone has what they need to participate fully in their community.

When we all have access to the services we need, like transport and good quality homes, it means everyone can participate equally in life and their communities.

Our current laws, policies, and social norms mean disabled people are often denied the same rights as others and are excluded from places and activities non-disabled people take for granted.

Nearly one in four people in Aotearoa are disabled. They're often locked out of affordable and accessible housing. Disabled people also face significant barriers to healthcare, education, work and experience poverty at a higher rate than others.

Last year, we were proud to pass a new law that means disabled people cannot be denied things like a home or transport simply because they have a disability-assist dog. We have also secured extra funding for violence services that meet the needs of disabled people.

The Green Party will remove the other barriers faced by disabled people. The time is now to make Aotearoa a place where people with disabilities have equal access to education, work opportunities, health, incomes, and housing.

Our plan

- ★ Introduce a minimum Income Guarantee where all people limited in their capacity to work due to a disability or health condition receive at least 80 percent of the fulltime minimum wage.
- ★ Improve access to disability-related supports, including by doubling the Disability Allowance and expanding the criteria.
- ★ Fund advocacy services that support people with disabilities to advocate for themselves; including Māori led support for tangata whaikaha.
- ★ Co-design accessibility legislation with the disabled community, underpinned by enforceable accessibility standards and cultural requirements, to prevent and remove accessibility barriers.
- ★ Reform the Building Code so new houses and buildings are accessible by design, unless specifically exempted; build more accessible social housing in all communities; and fund Māori led initiatives to provide accessible housing within papakāinga.
- ★ Require television to provide media in an accessible format, including captioning, audio description and New Zealand Sign Language content, and to set a target of 100 percent captioning for all television programming in New Zealand.
- ★ Eliminate the use of seclusion and put in place safeguards against the abuse of disabled people in state care or in disability services, including by training people to help identify and respond to signs of abuse and ensuring appropriate pathways for disclosure.

Drug law reform

A healthy approach to alcohol and other drugs

The Green Party will take an evidence-based, compassionate approach to drug law reform that reduces harm in our communities.

A more compassionate approach to drugs will support people who are struggling instead of punishing them.

People living on low incomes, without access to safe, affordable homes, secure incomes and access to key support services often experience the brunt of drug harm, including through the criminal justice system.

Successive governments have made it harder for people to get access to the mental health and addiction services they need. Right now, the Government spends four times as much on criminal punishment than health-based approaches. It also does not prioritise hauora Māori support, leaving many Māori disproportionately impacted by drug harm.

Drugs exist, regardless of whether we want them to or not. It is a matter of political choice whether the response increases or decreases harm. Over the last three years, the Greens have successfully pushed the Government to legalise and fund drug checking and give communities a greater say about alcohol being sold in their area. But more needs to be done.

The time is now to overhaul drug laws and replace them with sensible regulation that prioritises people's health. We will properly fund mental health and addiction services. By taking a health-based approach to drugs, we can ensure everyone has access to help when and where they need it.

Our plan

- ★ Repeal and replace the Misuse of Drugs Act 1975 with an evidence-based approach, which reduces harm and treats drug use as a health issue.
- ★ Regulate the personal use of cannabis to minimise the risk of harm to users, their whānau, and communities. This will include tight restrictions on advertising and the location of retail outlets.
- ★ Increase health and rehabilitation support for people who are seeking to reduce their use of drugs and alcohol, through kaupapa Māori, Rainbow, youth, and harm reduction programmes.
- ★ Phase out all alcohol advertising and sponsorship, including at sporting and cultural events.
- ★ Improve the framework for medicinal cannabis and create a new framework for trials of therapeutic uses of other controlled substances such as psychedelics.
- ★ Regulate vaping products as a harm-reduction measure for established tobacco users, while minimising uptake by new users, including by banning shopfront advertising, and banning disposable vapes.
- ★ Roll-out overdose prevention services, including increasing the availability of naloxone, and safe, medically supervised consumption spaces, building on the success of needle exchanges to reduce harm and save lives.





Education

Public schools and early childhood education that meets everyone's needs

The Green Party will ensure every child can reach their full potential with a high-quality, accessible public education.

For anyone who wants to become a teacher, a doctor, start a business, or be a climate scientist – it all starts with a great education.

It's not only the school system that affects a child's education, but also housing, income, and health. Evidence has been clear for years that the main barrier to educational outcomes is underlying inequality.

Far too many kids bounce around between schools because they haven't got secure housing. Others are forced to take days off school so that they can work to support their families. Years of underfunding have also deprived kura kaupapa Māori of the resources they need to support rangatahi and their learning.

The Green Party is the only party that will fix the underlying drivers of educational achievement. Our Income Guarantee will ensure families have what they need so their tamariki can focus on doing well at school.

The Green Party also understands that the working conditions of our teachers are the learning conditions of our tamariki. We will make sure teachers have everything they need to guide our children through some of the most important years of their life. We will raise pay, increase funding, and provide resourcing for better student to teacher ratios.

The time is now to make sure our education system gives our tamariki the best possible start on a journey that happens inside and outside the classroom. The Green Party will prioritise a well-resourced public education system where all tamariki can reach their full potential.

Our plan

- ★ Increase funding for community-run early childhood education centres, kindergartens, and kōhanga reo – and work towards universal, public, free early childhood education.
- ★ Improve working conditions and staff-to-student ratios at all levels of education, from early childhood through to high school.
- ★ Support rangatiratanga aspirations of Kura Kaupapa Māori, Kura a iwi, Kōhanga reo and Wananga; and resource the universal teaching of te reo Māori and tikanga Māori in all public schools.
- ★ Create school hubs with health and social services on-site, including mental health support.
- ★ Expand Ka Ora Ka Ako lunches in schools to provide fresh, nutritious lunches to all students at all schools.

Ensure all schools provide an inclusive learning environment, with support for children with disabilities and additional learning needs, and opportunities for all tamariki to thrive.

Ending poverty

An Income Guarantee and fair tax system

The Green Party will guarantee a decent income for all - and we'll pay for it with a fair tax system.

No matter what we do or where we live, everyone should have enough to put food on the table, a safe place to call home, and live a good life.

Aotearoa is one of the wealthiest countries in the world. But right now, thousands of children are going to bed hungry. Families are struggling to pay the rent or mortgage and keep their homes warm. Students are forced to skip meals to make ends meet.

The money we need to lift every family out of poverty is already there. But successive governments have decided not to use it. This is a political choice.

The Green Party will introduce an Income Guarantee to give everyone peace of mind that we can afford the weekly shop, pay the rent, or cover unexpected costs.

The Income Guarantee includes universal support for students and people out of work, extra help if you're sick or disabled, and simple payments for families so all kids can thrive.

The time is now to lift every family out of poverty, while rewriting the tax rules so those who can contribute more, while those on the lowest incomes pay less.

Our plan

- ★ Reform the Social Security Act to uphold the dignity of those who need support, and ensure everyone has a secure income, and decent standard of living whether in or out of work.
- ★ Transform Working for Families by creating a Family Tax Credit of \$215 a week for the first child and \$135 a week for subsequent children.
- ★ End poverty through a base payment of \$385 a week for everyone out of work, and an \$135 a week top up for sole parents. This will replace Jobseeker, the Student Allowance, and Sole Parent Support - with full individualisation; and universal eligibility for students.
- ★ Ensure income tax settings are fair and progressive, including making the first \$10,000 tax-free.
- ★ Provide payments of at least 80 percent of the fulltime minimum wage to anyone limited in their capacity to work due to a disability or health condition.
- ★ Introduce a 2.5 percent tax on net wealth over \$2 million so that multi-millionaires and billionaires pay their fair share.
- ★ Overhaul recoverable assistance so that grants are available as an alternative for urgent needs. This will prevent people going into debt when they are seeking help; and work towards writing off existing debt to MSD.





Energy

An Aotearoa powered by clean, affordable, renewable energy

The Green Party will power our homes, whare, and communities with clean, renewable, and affordable energy.

Power should be generated for the good of our climate and our communities. However, successive governments have designed an energy system that relies on fossil fuels and puts shareholder profit ahead of affordable household bills.

To lower power bills and keep the climate healthy for future generations, the Green Party knows we must use more renewable energy and keep fossil fuels where they belong - in the ground.

In government, the Green Party banned new offshore oil and gas exploration. We have also taken action to remove coal boilers from every school and hospital, insulated thousands of homes, and rolled out funding for community energy projects.

But Aotearoa needs faster action to protect the climate and lower household bills. Our plan will stop all oil and gas exploration once and for all; increase renewable electricity generation so we can electrify all households, businesses, transport, and industry; and support a just transition through the creation of thousands of clean energy jobs.

The time is now to make Aotearoa a place where everything from making the morning coffee, to travelling to and from work, to warming our homes is powered by clean, affordable and renewable energy.

Our plan

- ★ Ban new extraction of fossil fuels in Aotearoa.
- ★ Roll out solar panels on suitable public buildings such as hospitals and Kāinga Ora housing.
- ★ Scale up support for community energy solutions, including community and marae-based clean-energy hubs, with solar and wind generation, local markets, battery storage solutions and peer-to-peer retail trading.
- ★ Fundamentally reform the electricity market structure to make it easier for renewable energy suppliers and distributed generation to be set up and operate with certainty, remove market structure incentives for fossil fuel use in generation, and require transparent wholesale pricing systems.
- ★ Ensure government dividends from energy companies are reinvested into clean energy generation including for community level systems (such as rooftop solar and shared battery storage).
- ★ Support households to improve energy efficiency and rapidly transition away from gas-powered heating and cooking.
- ★ Prohibit new fossil gas connections in buildings where there are viable alternatives, as recommended by the Climate Change Commission.
- ★ Work with industry to support demand response in electricity use, and replace industrial coal and gas with low-emissions alternatives.

Environmental protection

Protecting our environment

The Green Party will protect Te Taiao for all of us.

A healthy and safe environment is essential to our health and wellbeing. Without a healthy natural world, there would be no clean air to breathe, safe water to drink or nutritious food to eat.

Healthy ecosystems also regulate the climate and filter air and water, which helps keep us healthy and limits the impact of extreme weather.

For decades, resource management laws have prioritised profit over people and nature. More than 4,000 native species are now at risk. Losing them will have irreversible consequences for the environment, our wellbeing, and the economy. The climate crisis is adding further pressure.

There is only a small window in which we can act before it's too late. The Green Party has always recognised that the wellbeing of humans depends on the wellbeing of Papatūānuku.

Our plan will establish in law the right to a healthy environment. We will improve our reporting, regulatory and compliance systems so that nature comes first.

The natural world is around us and includes us all. It is a treasure, a vital resource to heal and protect. The time is now to put nature, its protection and restoration first.

Our plan

- ★ Legislate for a right to a healthy environment (for its own sake and for the benefit of present and future generations), which recognises Te Oranga o te Taiao.
- ★ Ensure there are strong evidence-based limits to protect the natural environment and human health under the reformed planning and environmental management system.
- ★ Ensure that any further changes to the resource management or local government systems uphold tino rangatiratanga, including in governance structures.
- ★ Repeal and replace the Environmental Reporting Act to provide a more comprehensive, consistent, and rigorous approach to environmental data and information. Provide adequate resourcing to ensure robust data collection and transparent reporting under the revised framework.
- ★ Increase funding for the Environmental Protection Authority so it can better identify and remediate risks to the environment and human health, including through assessment and reassessment of hazardous substances.
- ★ Improve monitoring, compliance and enforcement of environmental harms, for genuine accountability of polluters, and mandatory remediation of environmental harm.



Food production & agriculture

Healthy food, healthy environment, and healthy communities

The Green Party will turn farming from one of our biggest environmental problems into one of its biggest solutions.

We can have a thriving, sustainable farming sector that tackles the climate crisis, prioritises mātauranga food production, helps rural communities flourish, cleans up our rivers, and makes sure we all have fresh and healthy food to eat.

But for decades, successive governments have treated farms like factories. Industrial agriculture is our biggest climate polluter, it is making our rivers and lakes sick, and family run businesses have been replaced by corporate farms.

Solutions to these challenges exist. We can take action to improve farm resilience against extreme weather events, and ensure farmers can make a decent living off the land, while keeping our environment healthy.

The Green Party has campaigned for decades to reduce the impacts of agriculture on nature and the climate. We have championed a new regulatory approach to help the organic sector grow. But other necessary changes, like a strong plan to cut climate pollution from farms, have been blocked or delayed.

Our plan will shift Aotearoa to regenerative farming. We will phase down intensive farming practices to improve the health of our climate, our awa, and rural communities

The way we produce kai affects all of us. The time is now to create a thriving and sustainable farming sector that is good for farmers, good for communities, and good for the planet.

Our plan

- ★ Develop a National Food Strategy to ensure food production in Aotearoa is resilient to a changing climate, and work with Māori to ensure their food sovereignty aspirations are included.
- ★ Support the development and leadership of indigenous agricultural practices through organisations such as Te Waka Kai Ora.
- ★ Introduce a price on agricultural emissions, to ensure methane reduction targets are met, with reinvestment in on-farm emissions reduction.
- ★ Increase support for farmers to transition to more sustainable forms of agricultural production through finance mechanisms such as low-interest loans and grants.
- ★ Ensure contract terms with supermarkets are fair for food suppliers in the grocery sector.
- ★ Phase out synthetic nitrogen fertiliser use in Aotearoa to protect the health of our waterways and reduce emissions.
- ★ Ban Palm Kernel Expeller and ensure all supplementary feed is sustainably sourced and does not enable intensive farming beyond the carrying capacity of the local environment.

Forestry

Healthy forests

The Green Party will protect and restore our native forests for the benefit of local communities, our native plants and animals, and our climate.

Our remaining native forests are vital for keeping the climate healthy, and are home to an extraordinary array of plants and animals.

For decades, governments have prioritised exotic forests as a source of profit, rather than restoring our indigenous biodiversity.

The Green Party knows the ngahere holds mauri, is home to our manu and wildlife and is essential for biodiversity, and resilience to extreme weather events.

The time is now to follow the guidance of tangata whenua to protect and restore our native forests, Te Wao nui a Tāne in a way that is good for nature, good for the climate, and good for our rural communities.

We will make sure our carbon pricing supports real emissions reduction, and prioritises native species for carbon sequestration instead of exotics.

More native trees mean more native birds, bees, insects and invertebrates, cleaner waterways, and more resilient communities.

Our plan

- ★ Protect indigenous forests by supporting and funding programmes to establish new forests, actively managing those on public land to increase carbon sequestration and biodiversity, and resourcing iwi and hapū to restore forests on Māori land.
- ★ Recognise and protect te Tiriti o Waitangi rights in relation to indigenous forests on public land, including kaitiakitanga and customary use rights for indigenous plants, and intellectual property rights.
- ★ Amend the Emissions Trading Scheme to prevent an overreliance on forestry offsets, and to incentivise indigenous biodiversity for carbon sequestration.
- ★ Ensure there are strong controls on plantation forestry, including planting, management, and harvesting; and increase resourcing for monitoring, compliance, and enforcement of these controls.
- ★ Require forestry operators to provide compensation when forestry slash from their logging operations causes damage.
- ★ Support the local wood-processing sector to scale up manufacture of products that add value to plantation grown timber, and can be used in construction, such as cross-laminated timber.
- ★ Establish an effective regime to ban the import of products (such as soya beans, palm products, and cocoa) from illegally logged forests overseas.



Freedom from violence

Safe homes and communities where whānau can thrive

The Green Party will make sure everyone can live a life free of violence, and heal from trauma.

Everyone should feel safe in their homes and communities.

Aotearoa has high rates of intimate partner violence, sexual violence, and child abuse. For decades, successive governments failed to support people to feel safe. Essential support services were underfunded, and the underlying causes of violence remained unchanged.

The Green Party is doing things differently. We have introduced Aotearoa's first-ever plan to create a stronger and more peaceful society, Te Aorerekura.

For the first time, the Government is working directly with communities, tangata whenua, and experts to prevent violence from happening in the first place. When it does, we are making sure those most affected get the support they need to heal.

Violence won't end overnight. We need a government that will keep taking the steps needed towards a safe Aotearoa for all. The time is now to prioritise kaupapa Māori approaches, and better support those experiencing violence, whilst supporting people who use violence to change their behaviour.

Our vision is an Aotearoa where everyone feels safe and supported.

Our plan

- ★ Address the root causes of family violence and sexual violence, including child abuse and neglect, by continuing to implement Te Aorerekura (the national strategy for the elimination of family violence and sexual violence).
- ★ Enable communities to lead the response to prevention of and healing from violence, in particular through well-resourced services designed by and for communities, in the way that is most effective for their needs.
- ★ Prioritise kaupapa Māori solutions to violence as recommended by the Family Violence Death Review Committee.
- ★ Improve workforce and broader public understanding of the drivers of violence, and how to identify signs that family violence is occurring – including signs of trauma – and how to respond in ways that enhance safety and healing.
- ★ Amend the definition of consent in the Crimes Act in relation to sexual violation to affirm that consent must be free and voluntary, and can be withdrawn at any time; and preclude a defence of reluctant consent.
- ★ Provide education on healthy relationships, managing emotions, and affirmative consent in all schools.
- ★ Reform the justice system to ensure that legal proceedings do not retraumatise victims and survivors, including through the Family Court and the Immigration and Protection Tribunal.
- ★ Invest in tailored specialist and whānau-centred prevention, healing, recovery, and restoration services, for victims and survivors; as well as services to support those who have used violence, to take accountability and change their behaviour.

Freshwater

Healthy water to drink, gather kai, and swim in

The Green Party will restore and sustain the health of our awa, streams, and lakes.

Many of us will remember growing up swimming in some of our most beautiful water spots, and want the same for our mokopuna. But far too many of our lakes, rivers and streams are now unswimmable.

Our freshwater is also under serious threat from polluting industries, such as intensive dairy businesses and forest logging. Three quarters of native freshwater fish species that depend on clean rivers, lakes, wetlands, and estuaries are threatened with extinction.

Our awa, lakes, wetlands and estuaries are taonga – and must be treated as such. But previous governments have failed to take the action we need to protect our waterways.

In failing our fresh water, they failed Aotearoa. Our plan will restore, replenish and sustain our precious freshwater by preventing pollution, restoring our damaged ecosystems and supporting iwi and hapū leadership.

The time is now to make sure future generations have access to healthy rivers and lakes they can swim in, gather kai from, and drink from.

Our plan

- ★ Ensure regulatory frameworks for water management implement Te Mana o te Wai with measures and funding to give effect to tino rangatiratanga of iwi and hapū over waterways in their rohe.
- ★ Protect all remaining natural wetlands and increase funding for their restoration, including estuaries and coastal wetlands, while providing for customary use of wetlands by Māori.
- ★ Provide funding to support councils to implement a ‘room for rivers’ approach – reclaiming and restoring floodplains and allowing our braided rivers to take their natural course.
- ★ Ensure Taumata Arowai has the resources and mandate to be involved in land use planning and consenting to prevent activities that degrade water sources.
- ★ Strengthen regulation of nitrogen in waterways, particularly drinking water sources, including by implementing a dissolved inorganic nitrogen limit, and phasing out the use of synthetic nitrogen fertiliser.
- ★ Work to restore degraded waterways through preventing land uses that lead to pollution, and proactively controlling freshwater pest species.
- ★ Create a fair system for commercial water allocation that protects healthy flow levels of waterways, while opposing large-scale irrigation projects.

Gender equity

An Aotearoa where everyone is equal

The Green Party will ensure women and gender minorities are valued, respected, and treated fairly.

Everyone should be valued and treated as equals regardless of their gender. While progress has been made, life is unfair and unsafe for far too many women and gender minorities. Women are paid less than men, do more unpaid care work, and retire with a lot less superannuation. Wāhine Māori are also over-represented in our justice systems and are locked out of key services.

The Green Party is committed to upholding equity, social justice and respecting rights. Over the last three years, we have introduced Aotearoa's first-ever plan to eliminate family violence and sexual violence, Te Aorerekura. As part of this Government, we have extended ACC cover for birth injuries, and introduced safe zones around abortion clinics.

Our plan for next term builds on the progress we have won.

An Income Guarantee will lift every family out of poverty and make sure parents and caregivers have what they need to raise healthy, happy children. We will also increase parental leave; raise wages so women are paid equally, and work with wāhine Māori to address disparities.

The time is now to make Aotearoa a place where women and gender minorities get paid fairly, are treated with respect, and are safe.

Our plan

- ★ Ensure equitable representation in Government appointments, particularly supporting the appointment of wāhine Māori, women of colour, disabled women and gender minorities.
- ★ Implement policies to elevate the mana of wāhine Māori and reduce existing social and economic disparities.
- ★ Increase paid parental leave to 15 months, with additional ring-fenced leave for partners, while also increasing payments.
- ★ Close the gender and ethnic pay gap through pay equity settlements, pay transparency measures, and comprehensive pay gap reporting.
- ★ Finalise and resource the Women's Health Strategy, including implementing a fair funding model for midwives that prioritises high quality care and increases social services during pregnancy and following childbirth.
- ★ Recognise unpaid labour and caregiving by doubling the Best Start Payment to \$140 a week and making it universal for all children under three, so families have more support in the first 1000 days.
- ★ Ensure job creation and apprenticeship programmes provide free training and workforce re-entry programmes for parents of school-aged children, and have policies promoting inclusion and diversity.

Global affairs & trade

A fairer and safer world

The Green Party will be a global voice for strong action on climate change, human rights, peace and justice, and fair trading rules that protect people and planet.

A better world is possible, and we have everything we need to create it. But it is only through collective action and shared commitments that we can rise to the challenge.

The Green Party will make sure Aotearoa always stands up for what's right on the world stage. We will find solutions to support communities facing conflict, the loss of nature, human rights abuses, and the worsening impacts of climate change.

We will push to make sure the response to the climate crisis is inclusive and supportive of indigenous peoples' leadership. And we will work with our Pacific neighbours to push for action that creates a low carbon, safer, more just world.

The Greens will take an independent and principled approach to foreign affairs that sees Aotearoa leading the world on climate action, nature protection, and indigenous and human rights.

Our plan

- ★ Maintain an independent foreign policy for Aotearoa, ensuring that Aotearoa stands against human rights abuses wherever they occur, and upholds peace.
- ★ Focus New Zealand's defence policy on climate change responses, humanitarian responses, and environmental monitoring.
- ★ Oppose New Zealand participating in the AUKUS alliance.
- ★ Implement the Trade For All agenda, including democratic scrutiny of trade agreements, and enforceable recognition of our Te Tiriti o Waitangi obligations, workers rights, human rights and climate commitments.
- ★ Support Pacific sovereignty and independence by opposing militarisation of the Pacific.
- ★ Urgently progress climate change initiatives through international institutions. In particular, complete the Agreement on Climate Change Trade and Sustainability, and negotiate an international approach to climate border adjustments.
- ★ Call on the Government of Aotearoa to formally recognise Palestine as a state.
- ★ Stand with decolonisation movements globally, in particular with indigenous peoples of our Asia Pacific region.





Health

Accessible healthcare for everyone

The Green Party will ensure everyone has healthy food and warm dry homes and can access the healthcare they need.

Our health and wellbeing rely on having enough to live on, a healthy home, good food, and access to treatment when we need it.

But right now, thousands of people face barriers to good health and getting the treatment they need.

Successive governments have left primary healthcare to private providers, and many people now cannot afford to access dental or mental health care. Thousands of people are living in damp and mouldy homes that are making them sick, and cannot afford to put healthy kai on the table.

Good health is vital to an enjoyable and meaningful life. Our plan will create a healthier Aotearoa and address inequities in our health system by prioritising kaupapa Māori approaches.

Our Income Guarantee will ensure everyone can afford life's essentials, and our Rental Warrant of Fitness will help people stay healthy at home. When people need access to healthcare, we will make sure it is affordable and available where they need it.

The Green Party will also take action to ensure people working in healthcare are properly valued and supported to stay in the job, including Māori who provide essential care for whānau, hapū and iwi.

The time is now to invest in our collective health and wellbeing so everyone can lead a healthy life.

Our plan

- ★ Ensure public healthcare services are timely, accessible, and meet the needs of everyone in Aotearoa – including progressively expanding the health services offered through the public system.
- ★ Empower and resource the Te Aka Whai Ora (the Māori Health Authority) to work in an equal partnership together with the Ministry of Health and Te Whatu Ora (Health New Zealand) to improve outcomes for whānau, hapū, iwi and hapori.
- ★ Ensure our health system provides appropriate and respectful care for everyone, recognising and honouring diverse life circumstances, and meeting the needs of marginalised groups who currently face barriers to care.
- ★ Increase funding for PHARMAC so that it can invest in new medicines and health care devices to enhance treatment outcomes and quality of life.
- ★ Ensure all healthcare workers have fair wages, and workload and conditions that support their wellbeing and the quality of care of their patients.
- ★ Create Healthy Air standards for ventilation of buildings to reduce the spread of airborne illnesses, and provide targeted funding support for retrofits to meet these standards.

Housing

A safe, warm and affordable home for everyone

The Green Party will ensure everyone has access to a safe, warm and affordable place to call home.

We all need somewhere to call home – a place to rest, to share with our loved ones, to make a life, or watch our kids grow up.

Access to a warm, safe home is a human right. But successive governments have allowed housing to become a get rich scheme for a lucky few, and a source of misery and expense for hundreds of thousands of others.

Far too many families are forced to pay through-the-roof to rent cold, damp, and unhealthy homes, and a generation has been locked out of ever owning their own home. This didn't happen by accident; it is the consequence of decisions made by successive governments.

Nothing is more important than a warm, safe, affordable home, with food on the table, and the people we love. The Green Party is the only party with a credible plan to make it happen for everyone.

We will fix housing to uphold renters' rights, and build thousands more warm, dry, affordable homes in the places people want to live.

The time is now to put the interests of people before those of investment landlords, and build the high-quality, warm, affordable homes we need.

Our plan

- ★ Halt the rise in rents by providing that annual rent increases cannot be more than 3 percent, and link rents in a new tenancy to what previous tenants paid.
- ★ Improve Healthy Homes Standards by extending temperature requirements to bedrooms, narrowing exemptions, and creating a rental warrant of fitness.
- ★ Significantly scale up the Kāinga Ora building programme and require Kāinga Ora to implement a partnership approach with iwi and hapū for development of housing in their rohe.
- ★ Expand MAIHI and Whai Kāinga, Whai Oranga to resource Māori-led housing solutions that meet the needs of Māori communities, including improving the financing options for development of papakāinga on Māori land.
- ★ Provide supported housing for people with complex needs who are experiencing homelessness, with quick pathways to a long-term home.
- ★ Expand government support for first home buyers through shared equity and progressive home ownership schemes, and low-interest Government-backed loans.
- ★ Provide government underwrites of community housing developments that provide long-term affordable rental and shared ownership housing.
- ★ Provide Government-backed mortgage refinancing for people who bought their first home in the past four years, and are at risk of hardship due to interest rate increases.





Immigration & refugees

A welcoming and safe Aotearoa for everyone

The Green Party will make sure people who come to Aotearoa are supported with everything they need to provide for their families and put down roots in their community.

If any one of us feared for our life or our family, or needed to travel for work, we'd like to know that others would help us.

But because of the rules put in place by successive governments, thousands of people looking to set up a safe home in Aotearoa are treated unfairly and denied basic rights.

People who come here to work, for example in a school or hospital, can be forced apart from their families because they do not earn enough to support a parent visa. Other people who travel here to care for our elderly, build our infrastructure and homes, and process our food are forced to work and live in unsafe and unhealthy conditions.

Immigration rules can cause a huge amount of stress and anxiety for people and their loved ones.

Everyone who wants to make Aotearoa home deserves a fair go. Our plan will create fair and achievable pathways to residency for all people coming here to work and remove the exploitative rules that bind people to a single employer.

The time is now to make sure everyone arriving in Aotearoa is treated with fairness and compassion, so they can get on with building their lives in our communities.

Our plan

- ★ Provide residency pathways for migrants on all categories of work visa, and people living in Aotearoa whose visas have expired, and who have been failed by a system that does not provide long-term security.
- ★ Repeal the Acceptable Standards of Health test, so migrants and refugees and their children are not discriminated against based on health conditions or disability, when seeking residency.
- ★ Decouple work visas from single employers to enable migrant workers to switch employers.
- ★ Unite parents, partners and families by supporting refugee family reunification, restoring partner work rights, and ending income barriers to sponsoring a parent visa.
- ★ Actively support Māori aspirations for a Tiriti-based immigration and refugee resettlement system, including devolving resources to whānau, hapū, and iwi to strengthen traditional whanaungatanga connections with Pasifika communities.
- ★ Ensure that hapū and iwi have the opportunity for input into Te Tiriti education for new migrants and refugees, and are adequately resourced to do this.
- ★ Progressively increase the refugee quota to 5000 by 2026, and increase funding to refugee resettlement programmes, to enable a high standard of care and service.
- ★ Provide resettlement support for refugees arriving as asylum seekers, and implement the recommendations of the Casey report on asylum seeker detention.

Justice & community safety

Safer communities through prevention and rehabilitation

The Green Party will reform justice and community safety to focus on prevention and healing.

Our communities are safer when everyone has access to key services, enough to make ends meet and provide for their families – we need a justice system that treats everyone with humanity, dignity, and respect.

For decades, governments have created a justice system that ignores drivers of crime and instead puts people in prisons with inadequate rehabilitation support. These approaches have failed to address the underlying drivers of crime and, in many cases, pushed people further into crisis.

Aotearoa needs a justice system that treats everyone with humanity, dignity, and respect. The Green Party helped to remove the American-style three strikes law. We have also put in a place the first ever plan to eliminate family violence and sexual violence in Aotearoa, Te Aorerekura.

The time is now to make sure communities and whānau have what they need to thrive, including mental healthcare, addiction support, affordable homes, and liveable income support. We will create meaningful alternatives to putting people in prison, and support Māori leadership on justice transformation.

The Greens will address poverty and inequality so we can make everyone safer, while supporting those who offend to address the root causes of their offending, to rebuild, and to live healthy, fulfilling lives.

Our plan

- ★ Resource evidence-based rehabilitation for anyone convicted of an offence, and ensure tikanga-based and restorative justice solutions (such as Te Pae Oranga) are available to everyone who wishes to access these.
- ★ Expand specialist youth courts like the Rangatahi and Pasifika Courts throughout Aotearoa.
- ★ Ensure that young people involved in the criminal justice system have the support they need to address the causes of their offending, including mental health and trauma support, and drug and alcohol rehabilitation.
- ★ Require regular de-escalation training for police, oppose further arming of police and the use of tactics that increase the risk of harm, and increase resourcing for Māori and Pasifika wardens.
- ★ Minimise the use of remand in youth detention facilities, and ban the detention of young people with adults in all circumstances.
- ★ Reform bail and sentencing laws to allow for more non-custodial, community outcomes.
- ★ Improve community reintegration support for people leaving prisons, including housing.
- ★ Extend legal aid, better resource community law centres, and make applications for protection and parenting orders free.
- ★ Implement the recommendations of the Royal Commission of Inquiry into the terrorist attack on Christchurch, by updating Human Rights Act protections against incitement to cover religion, gender, disability and Rainbow communities as well as race.





Just transition & green jobs

Climate action that works for everyone

The Green Party will build an inclusive low-carbon Aotearoa that works for everyone.

Aotearoa can take bold climate action in a way that is fair to everyone.

Previous governments have managed periods of economic change badly. Each time, a few people at the top amassed a larger share of wealth, while thousands of families and communities were left to struggle.

The transition to a low-carbon future must be different.

The Green Party will cut climate pollution in a just, inclusive, and equitable way, which will make life better for everyone and improve our communities.

Our climate plan will create thousands of well-paid, meaningful jobs, and provide training opportunities and decent, secure work for people moving out of carbon-intensive industries. At the same time, our plan will reduce household bills by switching from fossil fuels to clean, affordable energy. We will also make sure unions, iwi, and affected communities have a central voice in planning the transition.

The time is now to take action to build a low-carbon future for Aotearoa where everyone has what they need to put food on the table, a safe place to call home and live a good life.

Our plan

- ★ Bring together unions, government, employers, iwi and hapū to implement the Equitable Transition Strategy (from the Emissions Reduction Plan) towards a low-emissions economy where workers throughout Aotearoa have good and sustainable jobs.
- ★ Ensure an equitable transition grounded in Te Tiriti o Waitangi for Māori working in emissions intensive areas, including by prioritising the Māori economy when developing low-emissions jobs in affected regions.
- ★ Reform Ōtakaro to operate as a Ministry of Green Works to support a low emissions and climate resilient Aotearoa, with stable jobs delivering public infrastructure.
- ★ Ensure that workers and unions have a strong voice in transition plans for specific industries.
- ★ Develop active labour-market measures to support workers to retrain and to match skills development with available jobs when workers are made redundant due to industry changes.
- ★ Train more people for clean energy careers with a Clean Energy Industry Transition Plan, developed with the energy industry, training providers, and unions.

Kaupapa Māori

By Māori for Māori

The Green Party will support and strengthen Kaupapa Māori for today and tomorrow.

Kaupapa Māori approaches are vital in ensuring that the well-being of tangata whenua is prioritised and sustained.

We all benefit from acknowledging and respecting the tino rangatiratanga that tangata whenua hold, as reflected by Te Tiriti o Waitangi. Te ao Māori is what makes us uniquely Aotearoa.

The Green Party recognises the profound inequities that currently exist within the systems designed by successive governments. This has led to Māori facing shorter life expectancies, lower education levels, and lower levels of home ownership than Pākehā.

The time is now to address the deep and ongoing inequities of colonisation and strengthen kaupapa Māori as part of our plan to build an equitable Aotearoa.

We will ensure whānau, hapū, iwi and Māori organisations are properly resourced to support the needs of their communities – recognising that by Māori, for Māori solutions are needed.

The Green Party is committed to ensuring kaupapa Māori is supported and strengthened to prioritise the health and wellbeing of everyone in Aotearoa.

Our plan

- ★ Resource initiatives run by marae and Māori organisations for te reo Māori education for whānau.
- ★ Ensure that tikanga Māori and te reo Māori education under Maihi Karauna and Maihi Māori receive funding and support needed to meet aspirations of reo revival, while retaining Māori control.
- ★ Uphold mātauranga Māori concepts of environmental management and affirm the use of these for decisions about natural resource use, including māhinga kai.
- ★ Increase funding of Whānau Ora to improve whānau outcomes across multiple areas, including health.
- ★ Resource marae as community hubs, including as part of civil defence planning.
- ★ Resource kaupapa Māori initiatives to address risk factors for Sudden Unexpected Infant Death Syndrome, including reducing smoking during pregnancy, supporting breastfeeding, and providing wahakura for safe sleeping.



Local government

Local democracy that matters

The Green Party will strengthen local democracy and provide councils with the tools they need to improve our communities, including by building strong relationships with iwi and hapū.

Local government can play a crucial role in building healthy, vibrant, and inclusive communities.

Right now, councils are under significant funding pressure. Engagement in local elections continues to decline, and kāwanatanga and tino rangatiratanga are often not upheld in community decision-making.

As the layer of government closest to the community, councils can help address the challenges we face - from climate change, to a lack of affordable homes.

For decades the Green Party has championed accessible local democracy, run in the interests of everyone, where councils work in partnership with iwi and hapū.

We will make sure local decision-makers reflect the communities they represent by lowering the voting age to 16 years, and introducing proportional voting systems. We will also make sure local elections are run for the benefit of the community, not profit, and support local authorities to raise the money they need to pay for essential services.

The time is now to create a local government system that is focused on meeting the needs of all of our communities.

Our plan

- ★ Amend the Local Government Act to make the role of local government as a te Tiriti o Waitangi partner explicit and to ensure that te Tiriti o Waitangi underpins local government decision-making.
- ★ Strengthen local democracy and improve inclusiveness of councils by enabling 16 year-olds to vote, and shift to proportional voting systems.
- ★ Move administration of local elections from private companies to the Electoral Commission, and set voter participation targets.
- ★ Provide local authorities with new revenue tools such as targeted environmental taxes, congestion charges, resource rentals, and tourism infrastructure levies, to better enable funding of local programmes without relying solely on rates.
- ★ Work with local government to improve resilience of telecommunications and transport networks for flooding, earthquakes, and other natural disasters.
- ★ Expand the Election Access Fund to disabled people who are running in local elections.

Mental health

Free mental health care in all communities

The Green Party will ensure everyone gets the mental health care they need.

Aotearoa can be a place where everyone has what they need to live a good life, and where anyone struggling has access to the support they need.

Political choices often impact our mental health. From the struggle to pay the bills, to cold, damp, and unaffordable homes, to discrimination, or a lack of social connection. Far too many people don't know who to turn to and are missing out on the mental health care they need.

Mental health care can be expensive, hard to find, and appointments can take months to get. Our MPs have successfully pushed to make mental health services more accessible for thousands of young people.

Our plan will deliver free mental health services in every community, so everyone can get the support and care they need, when they need it.

An income that provides enough to live on, and safe, secure housing are essential foundations for good mental health. Our Income Guarantee will ease the stress for people struggling to make ends meet, and we will make sure people have access to warm, dry, and affordable homes.

The Green Party's vision is an Aotearoa where no matter what people are going through, everyone is supported to live a good life, and mental health services are freely available for anyone who needs them. The time is now to make it happen.

Our plan

- ★ Implement the recommendations of the Every Life Matters – He Tapu te Oranga o ia Tangata suicide prevention strategy, together with further actions identified as part of the kaupapa Māori response to suicide prevention.
- ★ Expand free mental health services to all communities so everyone can access support when they need it, including expanding youth services like Piki, Mana Ake and Youth One Stop Shops throughout Aotearoa, and dedicated support for post-natal mental health.
- ★ Fund the Māori Health Authority to deliver kaupapa Māori mental health and addiction programmes based on a Te Whare Tapa Whā model.
- ★ Ensure timely diagnosis and effective support services for people with ADHD, autism, dyslexia, dyspraxia and other forms of neurodivergence.
- ★ Review compulsory treatment orders, and ensure there is adequate resourcing for safe, and rights-affirming care for those at risk of harming themselves or others.
- ★ Improve access to eating disorder services, including inpatient and outpatient services, and support for whānau.
- ★ Increase the number of mental health professionals we train at all levels in Aotearoa to reduce caseloads, and improve the professional support available for our mental health workforce.
- ★ Ensure the Mental Health and Wellbeing Commission is resourced to lead a whole of government approach, guide the transformation of care and support for mental and emotional wellbeing, and provide independent monitoring and accountability for mental health services.





Oceans & fisheries

Healthy oceans and thriving marine life

The Green Party will restore our fisheries and ocean health.

Aotearoa should have healthy and thriving oceans, with abundant marine life that provides for sustainable kaimoana. Oceans are the lifeblood of our planet, and if they are in trouble, so are we.

Right now, our oceans and marine life are being harmed by overfishing, trawling of the seabed, excessive plastic pollution, warmer seas, and fishing practices that kill seabirds, dolphins, seals and sealions, and other marine species.

The health of the oceans around Aotearoa is declining at an alarming rate. We need a government that will act.

The Green Party successfully persuaded the current Government to support a moratorium on seabed mining in international waters. We have pushed for greater marine protection, in line with New Zealand's leadership on the High Seas Treaty.

Aotearoa can have healthy and thriving oceans, with abundant marine life that provides for sustainable kaimoana. The time is now.

Our plan

- ★ Reform marine protected areas legislation, replacing this with new te Tiriti based legislation, and make substantial progress in partnership with iwi and hāpu towards the target of protecting at least 30 percent of Aotearoa's marine environment by 2030.
- ★ Set up a well-resourced and politically independent Ocean Commission to develop te Tiriti-based ocean governance, and implement ecosystem-based management.
- ★ Restore the mauri and life-supporting capacity of our oceans, including by resourcing mātauranga Māori organisations, and promoting the use of mauri-based wellbeing indicators.
- ★ Ban seabed mining in the coastal marine area and the exclusive economic zone; and continue work for a moratorium on seabed mining in international waters.
- ★ Phase out damaging fishing methods, starting by banning bottom trawling on seamounts, banning recreational set netting and dredging by 2026, and banning commercial set netting and dredging by 2028.
- ★ Help restore the health of the Hauraki Gulf Tikapa Moana by establishing a network of marine protected areas, restoring shellfish beds, and reducing catch limits to allow stocks to replenish.
- ★ Reduce fisheries bycatch of protected species such as seabirds, marine mammals, and turtles, by setting fisheries-related mortality limits, and requiring fisheries to close when the limit is reached.
- ★ Ensure cameras are rolled out as soon as possible on the entire fishing fleet (deepwater as well as inshore) and increase observer coverage until this happens.

Overseas New Zealanders

Connecting with and supporting our overseas whānau

The Green Party will ensure all New Zealanders living overseas feel connected to home.

As New Zealanders, we have always prided ourselves on leading on the world stage and expanding our horizons with overseas experiences.

The Green Party understands that Aotearoa is about all its people, wherever in the world they are. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, we fought to keep managed isolation free, and were the only party fighting to make sure people living overseas could have their say in our elections.

Our plan will ensure everyone living overseas has a meaningful connection to home, and can continue to have a say in our democracy.

Wherever we are in the world, Aotearoa is a special place that we should all feel connected to. The time is now to show manaakitanga, and take a compassionate approach to all our whānau living overseas.

Our plan

- ★ Ensure all individuals who whakapapa Māori are eligible for Aotearoa citizenship, regardless of country of residence or birth.
- ★ Lengthen the repayment holiday for overseas student loan borrowers, and abolish border arrests for student loan repayment violations.
- ★ Ensure all citizens can vote, regardless of length of time outside Aotearoa, and lengthen the time away before losing voting eligibility to 10 years for permanent residents.
- ★ Restore the 10-year period for time spent in Aotearoa New Zealand to be eligible for superannuation.
- ★ Pursue reciprocal healthcare, welfare support and visa waiver arrangements with other countries, and widen existing agreements.





Pacific peoples

A strong connection between Aotearoa and Tagata Moana

The Green Party will support Pacific people, communities, and cultures to thrive.

Aotearoa is part of a whānau of Pacific nations. Te Moana-nui-a-kiwa connects us, and the history of Aotearoa is woven into the history of the Pacific.

Successive governments have a poor track-record when it comes to supporting Pasifika communities. Current visa rules make it hard for Pasifika people to visit their family here in Aotearoa, and many Pasifika peoples who travel here for work are exploited. Many Pasifika people are also locked out from buying a home, cannot access the health care they need, and are disproportionately in lower-paying work.

The Green Party helped secure a long overdue apology from the government for the Dawn Raids, and has continued to push to improve incomes, housing, education, and health outcomes for tagata Pasifika. We have also fought to protect the health of Te Moana-nui-a-kiwa from mining by large corporations, and significantly increased support to help Pacific nations adapt to the effects of the climate crisis.

The time is now to take action to strengthen the family, community and cultural connections between Pasifika peoples living in Aotearoa and the islands. We will support the indigenous responses of all Pasifika communities and peoples on climate change.

Our plan

- ★ Resource Tagata Moana leadership on climate action within Aotearoa, and affirm and support calls by Pacific Island nations for stronger climate action in international negotiations.
- ★ Repeal the Citizenship (Western Samoa) Act 1982, to uphold the rights of Sāmoans born between 1920 and 1948 to gain New Zealand citizenship.
- ★ Replace the Recognised Seasonal Employer scheme with an alternative that gives Pasifika workers access to fair wages, housing, and essential services, and provides for open work rights rather than being tied to a single employer.
- ★ Ensure the Kāinga Ora build programme delivers housing for multi-generational families, and supports Pacific peoples to remain in established communities, while enhancing access to public transport and other public amenities.
- ★ Support the independence of West Papua: Call for an indigenous lead, human-rights investigation and a visit from the UN Human Rights Commissioner.
- ★ Support Pacific Island states with their marine protection initiatives, including by increasing funding support for the South Pacific Regional Environment Programme, and supporting marine protected areas in the Pacific Ocean under the High Seas Treaty.

Public & community services

Accessible public and community services that meet the needs of everyone

The Green Party will build a world-leading public and community sector that is well-resourced, accessible, and accountable.

We all rely on public and community services. Everything from your local library and hospital, to ensuring the systems are in place to hold decision-makers to account.

A strong public and community sector that upholds te Tiriti o Waitangi is a vital part of a decent society. But too often essential services are under resourced and inaccessible.

At every level, we need to make sure the services we all rely on are well-resourced, accessible to all, and held to account.

Our plan includes better support for public services and for community service providers. We will also improve accountability and monitoring, and support people working in the public sector to understand their obligations under te Tiriti o Waitangi.

We will also restore the ability of the Children's Commissioner to monitor decisions that influence how children and young people are looked after in the care and protection system.

The time is now to prioritise public and community services that meet the needs of everyone.



Our plan

- ★ Uphold te Tiriti o Waitangi throughout the approach of the public service, including by funding Māori organisations, iwi, hapū and marae to run community and environmental initiatives that meet the needs and aspirations of Māori.
- ★ Affirm the importance of advocacy and monitoring done by independent commissions with expertise in an area, starting with restoring the monitoring role of the Children's Commissioner alongside its advocacy function.
- ★ Appoint a taskforce to hold public agencies accountable for reaching their wellbeing objectives.
- ★ Introduce standardised career progression, pay, community secondment opportunities, and training across the public sector to improve staff retention and skills development, and ensure equal pay for equivalent roles.
- ★ Provide secure, flexible and full funding arrangements for the community sector, recognising the value of the work, and ensuring independence within a supportive legislative framework.
- ★ Improve training in te Tiriti o Waitangi and te reo Māori for all public servants, resulting in consistency across all agencies.
- ★ Ensure that the public service is a leader in accessibility support, and hiring and appointment practices that promote representation of disabled people.



Rainbow communities

Thriving Rainbow communities

The Green Party will support Rainbow and takatāpui people to live with dignity, equality and respect.

Aotearoa can be a place where everyone - no matter who we are, where we're from, how we express our gender, or who we love - is supported to live healthy, happy, and connected lives.

Takatāpui and Rainbow people still face significant barriers to living freely, including discrimination and a lack of access to essential services. This can have a huge impact on people's physical and mental health, and sense of safety in our community.

Rainbow people are also more likely to be disabled, twice as likely to experience depression and anxiety, and earn less than the rest of the population.

The Green Party has achieved some important changes for Rainbow and Takatāpui people.

We changed the Census to include questions about gender identity, and succeeded in making the government fast-track a law change to ban harmful conversion therapy.

Our plan to uphold Rainbow rights includes the creation of a new Ministry for Rainbow Communities to give Rainbow and Takatāpui communities a much-needed voice across government.

The time is now to support, empower, and resource our Rainbow, Takatāpui, and intersex communities with everything they need to live a good life.

Our plan

- ★ Establish a Ministry for Rainbow Communities to ensure Rainbow communities are involved in policies, strategies and programmes that affect them.
- ★ Work with Māori and Pasifika Takatāpui, MVPFAFF+, trans, non-binary and intersex people to develop culturally appropriate healthcare services and strategies built on kaupapa Māori and holistic models of care and wellbeing.
- ★ Provide resourcing for organisations that support members of the Rainbow community - including dedicated funding for Māori organisations.
- ★ Resource and promote clear pathways for timely, free, non-discriminatory access to all forms of gender-affirming healthcare based on informed consent and self-determination.
- ★ Promote the human rights of Takatāpui and Rainbow people, and amend the Human Rights Act to clarify that all forms of sexual orientation, gender identity and variations in sex characteristics, are prohibited grounds of discrimination.
- ★ Support the intersex community to implement a human-rights and mātauranga Māori framework for intersex healthcare reform, resource the development of a national peer-support programme for intersex/VSC community and whānau, and ensure the development of training for all healthcare professionals in culturally competent and rights-based intersex care.
- ★ Reform laws and policies so Rainbow asylum seekers, refugees and migrants can access legal gender recognition, partnership recognition, family reunification, and resettlement support.

Seniors

Thriving at every stage of life

The Green Party will make sure older people and kaumātua are supported to live fulfilling lives.

Everyone deserves to be happy, connected, healthy and supported. But far too many older people are struggling to get by, put food on the table, pay the bills, and heat their homes.

Too many older people find themselves without the care and support they desperately need, and many have no one to turn to. More and more older people are finding their superannuation doesn't cover the essentials like food and rent.

The Green Party recognises kaumātua for the experience, knowledge, and wisdom they contribute to their communities, whānau, hapū and iwi.

We will restore and uphold the mana of our kaumātua, prioritise elderly well-being, and support and strengthen services for elderly people, including kaupapa Māori services.

People working in aged care are underpaid, overworked, and their jobs are insecure. Our plan will increase pay for people working in aged care and address staffing shortages.

The time is now to make Aotearoa a place where our older people are supported with everything they need to live healthy, fulfilling lives.

Our plan

- ★ Ensure public and community housing provides for the needs of senior citizens, and increase funding for papakāinga housing for kaumātua.
- ★ Provide integrated community health services to support the wellbeing of kaumātua, including public housing designed for extended whānau, elder abuse prevention, and free enduring power of attorney services.
- ★ Maintain universal superannuation for all New Zealanders 65 years and older, with a \$16 a week increase in after-tax payments from fairer tax settings.
- ★ Review the Retirement Villages Act to ensure it upholds the rights and interests of residents.
- ★ Increase funding for aged care to provide for fair wages and address staffing shortages in aged care facilities, and work towards direct public provision of aged care.
- ★ Require retirement homes to keep 25 percent of their housing available as affordable rental units for seniors.
- ★ Create and adequately resource a long-term strategy to improve dementia treatment and care services.





Sustainable economy

A strong, green economy that works for everyone

The Green Party will support everyone to live and thrive in a low-carbon economy.

We can reset our economy to cut climate pollution and meet the needs of everyone.

The Green Party has put in place the foundations for a low-carbon Aotearoa and have committed the Government to developing an Equitable Transition Plan. The low-carbon transition is both our greatest economic challenge and our greatest opportunity.

Our plan will cut climate pollution while creating new, secure, well-paid jobs and kick-starting sustainable industries that can support a prosperous and secure future for decades to come.

The time is now to build a low-carbon Aotearoa which celebrates innovation and ensures everyone has what they need to thrive.

Our plan

- ★ Continue to invest in regional development with a focus on sustainable building, regenerative agriculture and horticulture, improving low-carbon infrastructure, and iwi and hapū-led economic activity.
- ★ Increase government investment in the Decarbonising Industry Fund and the Green Investment Fund to support low-carbon jobs, and the transition to low-emissions industry.
- ★ Ensure funding and financing arrangements for reducing emissions are adequate to fund Nationally Determined Contribution obligations, direct emissions reductions, Emissions Reduction Plan actions, and adapting to the effects of climate change.
- ★ Commit government departments to buying more goods and services from Aotearoa businesses, and ensure procurement processes encourage social enterprises to tender for government contracts.
- ★ Encourage low-emissions industries with export potential, including through better support to commercialise innovations developed by Crown Research Institutes.
- ★ Strengthen laws that protect against anti-competitive behaviour, and increase resourcing for the Commerce Commission.
- ★ Improve digital connectivity to and within rural areas by continuing to expand the Rural Capacity Upgrade.

Tertiary education

A complete reset of student support

The Green Party will ensure students have what they need to focus on their study, stay healthy, and enjoy life.

We all benefit when somebody takes on tertiary study, contributes original thought and their skills to our communities, hapori, country and the world.

Political decisions over the last few decades have normalised and entrenched student poverty, with many struggling to pay rent and put food on the table.

This wasn't an accident - and it can be fixed.

Last year the Green Party worked with student unions across the country to launch the People's Inquiry into Student Wellbeing. The findings were grim. Two-thirds of students regularly do not have enough money to buy food, pay bills, or access healthcare.

Our Income Guarantee will support students with everything they need to succeed without having to skip meals to make ends meet. Whatever they are studying, whatever level they're studying it at, and no matter how old they are or how much their parents earn.

We will overhaul the tertiary funding model so our institutions are sustainable and operate in the public good.

The time is now to make sure every student has what they need to stay healthy, pay the bills, and focus on their study - ensuring an Aotearoa that works for everyone.

Our plan

- ★ Support students with a universal payment of \$385 a week, including at postgraduate level, and ensure courses that require work placements pay students at least the living wage.
- ★ Overhaul funding for the tertiary sector to ensure it supports rigorous research, a wide range of course options, quality teaching, comprehensive student services, and decent pay and working conditions for administrative and academic staff.
- ★ Expand free apprenticeship programmes, and work towards fees-free education for all tertiary courses.
- ★ Address the impact of student debt by increasing the threshold for student loan repayments and reducing the repayment rate, while working towards a student debt write-off.
- ★ Ensure all tertiary institutes uphold te Tiriti o Waitangi and deliver equitable outcomes for taurua Māori, and fully resource Te Wānanga o Aotearoa to increase opportunities and pathways for kaupapa Māori education.
- ★ Strengthen student voice in tertiary governance and return to default student union membership.
- ★ Reform student accommodation, including through compliance requirements under the Residential Tenancies Act, to ensure high standards of housing and pastoral care.
- ★ Require tertiary institutes to provide disabled students with equitable opportunities to achieve their individual capabilities and participate in all aspects of tertiary education life.



Te Tiriti o Waitangi

An Aotearoa built on the foundations of te Tiriti o Waitangi

The Green Party will build an inclusive low carbon Aotearoa that works for everyone.

The Green Party will whakamana te Tiriti o Waitangi and uphold tino rangatiratanga, for the wellbeing of tangata whenua and tangata moana.

Nearly two centuries of land dispossession enabled by Crown policy has caused an underlying, deep, foundational harm that Māori continue to experience to this day. We see it in everything from the harm that has been done to our natural world, and the effects of homelessness, and health and education inequities.

Aotearoa can be a place where te Tiriti o Waitangi is embraced and Māori are resourced to lead solutions that improve the wellbeing of whānau, the environment and our natural ecosystems.

The Crown must go further to address past wrongs, and must uphold a fair, tika and equitable process for returning stolen land back to iwi, hapū, marae and whānau.

The Green Party understands that te Tiriti o Waitangi is the foundation for an enduring constitutional partnership. We acknowledge the need for ongoing dialogue to build the high level of awareness, understanding and vision required to give life to Te Tiriti o Waitangi in Aotearoa.

Our plan

- ★ Facilitate the return of whenua that was wrongfully alienated from tangata whenua, including through exploring a right of first refusal process that enables the return of private land to iwi, hapū and whānau at point of sale.
- ★ End perpetual leases on whenua Māori.
- ★ Increase resourcing for the Waitangi Tribunal for both kaupapa inquiries and historical inquiries.
- ★ End the 'large natural grouping' approach to Treaty settlements and validate hapū rangatiratanga.
- ★ Implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) in Aotearoa.
- ★ Grant the Waitangi Tribunal the necessary powers to make findings and recommendations in relation to private land.
- ★ Empower the Waitangi Tribunal to make binding recommendations for the return of Crown Land to iwi, whānau and hapū.
- ★ Support tikanga-led processes to resolve iwi, hapū and whānau level disputes about land management and claims under te Tiriti o Waitangi.

Transport

Healthy and affordable transport for all

The Green Party will invest in clean, affordable transport that makes it easy for everyone to get around.

Our towns and cities can be places where everyone can move around using affordable, climate-friendly buses and trains, by bike, or walking.

Aotearoa was once a country with frequent, affordable bus and train services joined up right across the country - even to very rural areas. We can reconnect our communities and safeguard our climate. All it takes is political will.

For decades, successive governments have failed to plan ahead and meet the demands of our growing communities. Rather than investing in buses, trains and bike lanes, central and local government has designed our communities to work best for cars. Now our streets don't work well for anyone, even people who drive.

A range of Green Party solutions are already making a difference, such as: the Clean Car Discount; building more routes for people to walk or use a bike safely, and investment in regional rail. We have also secured investment in a new fleet of trains in the lower North Island, free bus and train travel for under 12s, and half price for Total Mobility Passengers.

These solutions have made it easier and more affordable for people to get around in ways that help protect people and the planet. But much more must be done. Our plan will create many more options for people to ride their bikes, walk, and take buses and trains.

The time is now to create affordable, inclusive, and climate-friendly transport options that work for everyone.

Our plan

- ★ Transform public transport networks, including building light rail in Auckland and Wellington, and providing comprehensive bus lanes in all cities.
- ★ Invest in nationwide rapid rail for passengers and freight, to connect regions and major cities, and contribute to economic development, and decarbonisation.
- ★ Increase the accessibility of e-bikes for people on low incomes by rolling out community hire schemes through marae, community centres, and educational institutes, together with targeted subsidies.
- ★ Extend Community Connect to provide free fares for students and apprentices, community service card holders, everyone under 18, and all Total Mobility card holders.
- ★ Enable the direct provision of public transport services by regional councils, by replacing the Public Transport Operating Model.
- ★ Create safe walking and biking routes for every school through more pedestrian crossings, and lower speed limits near schools.
- ★ Require road and street maintenance projects to consider improvements to active and public transport infrastructure, such as cycleways and busways.





Urban development

Liveable, climate-resilient communities

The Green Party will create vibrant, climate resilient, accessible cities and towns.

Our towns and cities can be places where people and nature thrive, with affordable homes, low-emissions transport, and vibrant green spaces.

Successive governments have failed to plan our urban environments in ways that enable new homes to be built, that support low-carbon travel options.

The Green Party knows that we need to rethink how our towns and cities are designed - and who they are designed for.

Our plan will build strong communities and well-planned neighbourhoods. We will ensure more affordable, climate-resilient homes are built in areas with existing community facilities, with easy access to public transport, cycling and walking routes, and green spaces.

Most of us want the same thing: a safe walk to school for kids, mature trees shading us on streets that are designed for people; a sense of belonging; and pride in our shared place that reflects who we are. The time is now to make our communities healthier, happier, and more vibrant.

Our plan

- ★ Ensure the National Planning Framework and spatial planning provides for walkable cities with urban green space, active transport corridors, mixed-use development, water-sensitive design, and green infrastructure; enabling more homes to be provided within the existing urban area with density done well.
- ★ Ensure tangata whenua have a strong voice in the planning framework, including formal recognition of rāhui and incorporating mātauranga Māori understanding of flooding risk and other natural hazards.
- ★ Introduce development bonuses to provide an extra one third height allowance beyond underlying planning provisions, for buildings that meet high standards of energy efficiency and accessibility.
- ★ Enable a value uplift levy on land close to rapid public transport links, to recognise the increase in land value from public transport investment.
- ★ Ensure planning frameworks protect urban trees and greenbelts, including through canopy cover targets at regional and city level.

Waste reduction & circular economy

Creating a circular economy

The Green Party will take action to eliminate waste and pollution to help tackle climate change and protect nature.

To tackle the climate crisis, protect our forests and oceans, and create healthy communities, we need to think about waste differently.

Successive governments have created a system where corporations can extract resources, make products that are not designed to last or be repaired, and then do nothing as the resulting product is thrown into landfill.

The Green Party has made significant progress to address waste. We banned single-use plastic bags, phased out microbeads in cosmetics, and increased and expanded the waste levy on landfills.

Our plan will accelerate the transition to a circular system by investing in waste reduction and community initiatives, so more materials can be reused, repaired and repurposed.

The time is now for a transformational approach to waste, as part of a healthy, thriving, and low carbon Aotearoa.

Our plan

- ★ Pass legislation enacting measurable and ambitious waste reduction targets, creating a Zero Waste Agency, and requiring tikanga Māori to be given effect in waste management.
- ★ Implement a comprehensive right to repair for consumer products.
- ★ Implement a beverage container return scheme (including glass) at the earliest opportunity with at least a 20-cent deposit.
- ★ Establish mandatory regulated product stewardship schemes, starting with e-waste, batteries, agrichemical containers, plastic packaging, refrigerants and tyres.
- ★ Progressively increase the landfill levy and continue to use the revenue for waste minimisation, including funding for community waste reduction initiatives.
- ★ Improve product labelling with clear standards to ensure people can have confidence in products marked 'compostable' and 'recyclable'.
- ★ Mandate waste reduction targets for the building and construction sector, including waste minimisation plans.





Welfare of animals

An Aotearoa that cares for all animals

The Green Party will protect animals from cruelty and suffering.

Animals deserve a life free from suffering. Harmful practices that put profit ahead of their welfare are unacceptable.

Thousands of farmed animals are suffering unnecessarily because the standards that are meant to protect their safety, instead allow cruel and harmful practices to continue. Powerful corporations also continue to push for animal welfare protections to be delayed or abandoned.

The Green Party has championed animal welfare for decades. Over the last three years we have been the leading voice in Parliament on issues like winter grazing and greyhound racing. We've also successfully pressured the Government to phase out live animal exports. The time is now to make Aotearoa a place where all animals are treated with the care and respect they deserve.

Our plan will strengthen Aotearoa's animal welfare standards and create a new, well-resourced Parliamentary Commissioner for Animals to monitor and enforce these. We will also outlaw harmful activities such as greyhound racing and rodeo, factory farming, and farrowing crates.

Whether they are our daily companions or living on a farm, only the Greens will ensure every animal can live a happy, comfortable life.

Our plan

- ★ Create a new Commissioner for Animals, to independently monitor and advocate for animal rights.
- ★ Resource the National Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (NAWAC) to ensure all animal welfare codes genuinely comply with the Animal Welfare Act 1999, together with introducing stronger codes for farmed animals.
- ★ Phase out harmful activities including animal testing for cosmetics, greyhound racing, debeaking hens, factory farming and farrowing crates.
- ★ Ensure only animal products that comply with domestic standards can be imported, and ensure consist, robust standards for manufacturing claims about animal welfare (such as 'free range' and 'cruelty free').
- ★ Ensure taonga species can thrive in their natural habitats, with an immediate priority of banning the live export of tuna.

Workforce

Strong rights and fair pay

The Green Party will reduce inequity, protect working conditions, and improve the lives and rights of working people.

Everyone has the right to safe, decent and meaningful work.

Our jobs should pay enough to live on and allow for time with whānau.

But right now, Aotearoa is not working for all working people. Thousands of people are forced to work two or three jobs just to make ends meet, and successive governments have given big business too much control over our lives.

For decades, the Green Party has fought to improve the lives of working people. We have helped pass Fair Pay Agreements and increase sick leave to 10 days. We have also pushed to introduce pay transparency requirements – to help close the gender and ethnic pay gap, and foster fairness for Māori and Pasifika workers.

Our plan builds on this to make sure all working people have strong rights, good pay and secure work. Our Income Guarantee will also make sure people always have enough to live on if they ever experience a health condition or disability that stops them from working.

The Green Party will grant strong workplace protections, and support unions to bargain for their members to deliver a better working life for all. The time is now to change the world of work for the good of everyone.

Our plan

- ★ Guarantee minimum wage increases at least in line with inflation.
- ★ Provide all working people with a right to redundancy pay, and ensure progress on income insurance centres the need for equity for low wage and insecure workers.
- ★ Move to default union membership so people automatically join a union when they start a new job, and can then opt-out.
- ★ Legislate for a right to solidarity strikes and political strikes.
- ★ Implement stronger protections for contractors and ensure they can be covered by Fair Pay Agreements and join other industry-specific collective bargaining; while also strengthening collective bargaining frameworks for employees.
- ★ Increase resources across the Labour Inspectorate, WorkSafe, and the Employment Relations Authority to ensure all working people can uphold their workplace rights.
- ★ Ratify the International Labour Organisation's Violence and Harassment Convention against violence at work (ILO 190) and progress reforms to prevent and respond to bullying, harassment, and sexual harassment in the workplace.
- ★ Phase in five weeks annual leave, implement the Holidays Act Taskforce recommendations, ensure bereavement leave entitlements are culturally appropriate for all New Zealanders and acknowledge the particular significance of tangihanga for Māori.







The time is now.