

Te Tāruke-ā-Tāwhiri: Auckland's Climate Plan

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About Te Tāruke-ā-Tāwhiri: Auckland's Climate Plan

Auckland Council's [Te Tāruke-ā-Tāwhiri: Auckland's Climate Plan](#) has now been published.

The three key elements of the climate plan

The plan is founded on three key elements to drive climate action:

- an overarching Tāmaki response
- a focus on clear greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction targets
- preparing Auckland for the impacts of climate change.

The overarching Tāmaki response

This approach reflects:

- the uniqueness of Tāmaki Makaurau
- the need to embed issues like equity, te ao Māori and a strong rangatahi voice.

Focus on clear greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets

For the Auckland region this includes:

- halving emissions by 2030
- reaching net zero emissions by 2050.

Preparing Auckland for the impacts of climate change

This key element includes a stronger focus on:

- how we will adapt to climate change
- taking a precautionary approach
- preparing for our current emissions pathway and the prospect of a 3.5 degrees warmer region.

The plan sets out [eight priorities for climate action](#).

Key action areas are outlined within these priorities as well as key partners required to deliver on these actions.

Our ongoing work

We have taken a leadership role in facilitating development of the plan with specific roles and responsibilities around the plan's implementation.

We can't do this alone. A rapid and fair transition requires collaboration and commitment from Aucklanders across the region.

We will be working with central government, mana whenua, businesses and communities to deliver on the plan's ambitions.

By working together, we have an opportunity to deliver a low carbon and resilient Auckland that is better for everyone.

The outcomes of this work will be open for public consultation in February / March 2021 as part of the [10-year budget \(long-term plan\)](#).

Why we need a climate plan

Auckland's climate is changing.

We are already starting to see higher temperatures, increased drought, more intense rainfall events and sea level rise. We expect more change over the next 100 years.

Climate change will impact on our communities, infrastructure, economy and natural environment.

At the same time, Auckland's emissions are not decreasing.

In December 2020, the government declared a climate emergency - and is on a path to net zero emissions by 2050.

Auckland Council has also [declared a climate emergency](#). We need to do our part in delivering the Paris Agreement targets to keep temperature increases below dangerous levels (e.g. 1.5°C).

Raising our ambitions in addressing climate change will also provide major opportunities and benefits to Auckland.

These include:

- cleaner air and water
- healthier communities
- better housing choice and places to live
- more accessible transport.

We made these ambitions clear in the [Auckland Plan 2050](#).

Te Tāruke-ā-Tāwhiri: Auckland's Climate Plan will help deliver the Auckland Plan's high-level vision on climate change.

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