

To lower our emissions in NZ:

- Encourage a shift away from eating meat and dairy to a vegetarian and vegan based diet. This is the single biggest contributor to emissions and land use, and water use.
- Reduce the number of livestock, and gradually move away from animal farming.
- Invest in R&D to lower livestock emissions.
- Retire fossil fuels, no more exploration, leave the coal in the hole, oil beneath the ocean, etc.
- Invest in 100% renewable energy
- Stop investing in roads (RONs), use the \$10 000 000 000 for funding for rail freight and passengers, coastal shipping, public transport (buses, bus lanes, light rail, mass transit, cycling and walking)
- Scrap the ETS, it does not work and gives a free ride to the biggest polluters e.g. farming and trucks.
- Introduce a comprehensive carbon tax, transparent and fair across all industries i.e. polluter pays, they can pass the cost on to the consumer and then the market will decide. Currently the tax payer subsidises the emissions of the polluters, hence why our emissions continue to rise so ashamedly.
- All new buildings must be insulated to the highest standard and built to receive passive energy from the sun, all fitted with PV panels.
- Existing housing stock gradually retro-fitted to the same standards as new houses.
- Invest in Electric Vehicles, ban all new petrol and diesel vehicles by 2025. All government and council vehicle fleets should be 100% EVs.
- Create a Ministry for Emissions Reductions which is above and beyond politic meddling. It has long term goals to reduce emissions, as stated in the Productivity Council. They have done something like this in the UK and their emissions have dropped by 38%. In contrast, NZ emissions have risen by 58%.
- Ban plastic bags immediately and all single use throw away plastic commodities e.g. water bottles, packaging, plastic cutlery and plates in restaurants or sold in supermarkets.
- Encourage the three Rs: Reduce Reuse Recycle.
- Invest in educating the public that over consumption does not make people happy. It is running down the planet;s natural resources (globally we use 1.5 planets, in the rich countries we use 3 to 5 planets worth of resources), and it puts us in debt. Be happy spending quality time with your family and friends instead. Have a 'buy nothing day' every week.
- Plant a billion trees.