

Ā mātou takohanga

Our commitments

Auckland's Key Climate Commitments

Year	Commitment		
2012	Auckland commits to 40 by 40	<p>Our first emissions reduction target is set in the Auckland Plan 2012 at 40 per cent reduction of greenhouse gas emissions by 2040.</p> <p>Auckland's vision is established for a prosperous city with a thriving green economy, powered by efficient, affordable and clean energy, using sustainable resources.</p>	Read about the Auckland Plan
2014	Low Carbon Auckland launched	<p>The action plan outlines five key transformation areas required for Auckland to achieve the 40 by 40 target and sets an interim goal of 10-20 per cent reduction by 2020.</p> <p>It provides a 30-year pathway and a 10-year plan to guide Auckland's transformation.</p>	Read about Low Carbon Auckland
2015	Auckland joins the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy	Auckland's mayor commits to the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy, and pledges to reduce Auckland's greenhouse gas emissions, track progress and prepare for the impacts of climate through a climate change adaptation action plan.	Read about the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy
	Auckland joins the C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group	Auckland joins the global network of over 90 cities committed to tackling climate change while at COP21, where the Paris Agreement was negotiated. C40 membership enhances and resources Auckland's ability to work with and learn from leading global cities facing similar climate challenges.	Read about the C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group

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	The Auckland Transport Alignment Project is initiated	The council and central government agree a strategic approach to guide the development of Auckland's transport system over the next 30 years. The reduction of transport-related greenhouse gas emissions is one of the several benefits of this partnership.	Read about the Auckland Transport Alignment Project
	National Civil Defence Emergency Management Plan	The National Civil Defence Emergency Management Plan sets out the roles and responsibilities of central and local government, lifeline utilities providers, emergency services and non-government organisations in emergency management. That is, the roles of these agencies in reducing risks, preparing for, responding to and recovering from emergencies.	Read about the National Civil Defence Emergency Management Plan
2016	Global Paris Agreement enters into force	The Paris Agreement between 196 countries signals a concerted global effort to limit global temperature increase by reducing emissions. The aim is to keep global temperature rise well below 2 degrees Celsius, whilst pursuing efforts to limit the rise to 1.5 degrees Celsius.	Read about the Paris Agreement
	Auckland signs Paris pledge for action	Auckland signs the Paris Pledge for Action in support of the objectives in the Paris Agreement to limit global temperature rise to less than 2 degrees Celsius and raise ambition before the agreement takes effect in 2020.	Read about the Paris Pledge for Action
	Auckland Unitary Plan becomes operative in part	The Auckland Unitary Plan sets policy for a quality compact urban form which can enable low carbon development. It also sets the objective to ensure communities are more resilient to natural hazards and the effects of climate change.	Read about the Auckland Unitary Plan
2017	Auckland Council commissions research to understand climate change impacts in Auckland	New Zealand's National Institute for Water and Atmospheric research (NIWA) is commissioned to model the impacts of climate change on the Auckland Region to 2110. This research allows us to better understand the risks, vulnerabilities and opportunities associated with our changing climate so we can better plan, invest and build for the future.	Read about the NIWA Climate Projections

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	Mayor signs C40 Green and Healthy Streets Declaration (formerly the Fossil Fuel Free Streets Declaration)	<p>The mayor signs a declaration to transform Auckland's streets into greener, healthier, and more prosperous places to live by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • procuring only zero-emission buses from 2025 • ensuring a major area of our city is zero carbon by 2030. <p>It seeks to make our streets safe and accessible for everybody, improving air quality and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.</p>	Read about the Green and Healthy Streets Declaration / Fossil Fuel Free Streets Declaration
2018	Auckland commits to an integrated regional climate action plan	Auckland Council approves the development of a strategy incorporating both climate change adaptation and mitigation.	Read about the development of Auckland Climate Action Plan
	Auckland Council commits to partner with mana whenua through the Mana Whenua Kaitiaki Forum to develop an integrated regional climate action plan	Auckland Council has co-developed Te Tāruke-ā-Tāwhiri: Auckland's Climate Plan.	
	Mayor signs Towards Zero Waste Declaration	<p>By signing C40's Advancing Towards Zero Waste Declaration, the mayor pledged to move Auckland towards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cutting the amount of waste generated by each citizen 15 per cent by 2030 • reducing the amount of waste sent to landfills and incineration by 50 per cent • increasing the diversion rate to 70 per cent by 2030. <p>Auckland's Waste Minimisation Plan 2018 builds on these with a target for Zero Waste to 2040.</p>	Read about C40's Zero Waste Declaration Read Auckland's Waste Minimisation Plan 2018
	Auckland Council joins the Climate Leaders Coalition	Auckland Council becomes a member of the Climate Leaders Coalition committing to alignment with the Paris Agreement, public transparency on emissions, setting targets for emissions reductions and influencing emissions reductions in supply chains.	Read about New Zealand's Climate Leaders Coalition

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	Auckland Council endorses a 1.5 degrees Celsius compliant regional climate action plan	Auckland Council successfully reapplied for membership to the C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group, including the requirement to develop a climate plan consistent with the Paris Agreement aspiration of 1.5 degrees Celsius maximum temperature rise.	Read about Auckland Council's C40 membership
2019	Public consulted on draft Te Tāruke-ā-Tāwhiri, Auckland's regional climate action response	Consultation draft of Te Tāruke-ā-Tāwhiri, Auckland's regional climate action response approved along with the resolution to develop detailed and costed actions for Auckland Council's contribution to climate action.	Read the Auckland Climate Action Framework
	Climate Change Response (Zero Carbon) Amendment Act 2019	<p>The Climate Change (Zero Carbon) Amendment Act 2019 provides a framework by which New Zealand can develop and implement clear and stable climate change policies that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • contribute to the global effort, under the Paris Agreement to limit global average temperature increase to 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels • allow New Zealand to prepare for and adapt to, the effects of climate change. 	Read about the Climate Change Response Act 2002 and the (Zero Carbon) Amendment Act 2019
	Mayor signs Global Green New Deal	Through the Global Green New Deal, cities have reaffirmed their commitment to protecting our environment, strengthening our economy, and building a more equitable future by cutting emissions from the sectors most responsible for the climate crisis. This means putting inclusive climate action at the centre of all urban decision-making.	Read about the Global Green New Deal
	Auckland declares a climate emergency	Declaration of a Climate Emergency including the requirement to include climate impact statements in all Auckland Council committee reports.	Read about Auckland Council's declaration of a 'climate emergency'
2020	Te Tāruke-ā-Tāwhiri, Auckland's Climate Plan approved	Auckland Council approves Te Tāruke-ā-Tāwhiri, Auckland's Climate Plan.	