



THE SCHOOL STRIKE 4 CLIMATE NZ DEMANDS

The latest IPCC report makes it clear: global mean temperature rise greater than 1.5 degrees celsius puts the future of humanity on Earth in peril.

We demand that our Government and Governments around the world do everything in their power to limit warming to 1.5 degrees to safeguard our right to a future on Earth.

WHAT'S OUR WHY?

We demand the following because:

- Pacific Islands are going underwater and have been for years. It is our duty to help them, we are their neighbours.
- The cost of inaction is everything. We will lose our home, our cultures, our people and our land. While we still have time, we must act for the sake of future generations.
- Our future is being sacrificed for the profit of a few and the protection of business as usual. Climate change is not just an environmental issue, it is a justice issue and actually, it's a survival issue, it's time that it is treated as such. We need climate justice and that's why we're demanding it.
- In the year 2050, many of us will be in the middle of our careers and lives, and right now we have no idea whether we will be able to live out our hopes and dreams, or whether we will be faced with the burden of frequent natural disasters, widespread suffering, refugee crises, intensified inequality, resource scarcities and war on a scale that humanity has never experienced before. That is the kind of future that the science tells us we are heading towards, unless we - unless *you* - act now.
- As a developed nation, with the infrastructure and technology that we have, we should be leading the way with our ambition but also our plight to supporting those experiencing the brunt of the crisis, having done little to cause it.

OUR CORE DEMANDS

- We demand that the Government acknowledges the magnitude of the climate crisis by **declaring a climate emergency**. This move will set the narrative for

the urgent pace at which we need to act on climate change but must uphold our democratic values and obligations under Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

- We demand that all parties in Parliament support passing an ambitious Zero Carbon Act into law that puts in place a **legally enforceable** plan to get to **net zero carbon by 2040**.
- End fossil fuels - we demand that the Government ceases **all new exploration and extraction of fossil fuels**. This includes not granting any extensions of existing permits. This must be paired with Government's investment in renewable energy production and sustainable transport systems to reduce our reliance on fossil fuels as we know that this is causing communities to lose their homes and culture in the Pacific Islands right now. Our collective future is being put at stake.
- We demand that the Government invests in building a renewable and regenerative economy now. This means immediate investment in retraining and the provision of alternative jobs in clean, sustainable industries that don't harm the ecosystems on which we depend for survival. This must be done through meaningful partnerships with communities, Tangata Whenua and youth to ensure a just transition and that no one is left behind.

OUR DEMANDS OF CENTRAL GOVERNMENT:

- We demand that our Government, and every sector of society, do everything in their power to limit warming to 1.5 degrees celsius to safeguard our right to a future on Earth.
- We demand that the Government acknowledges the magnitude of the climate crisis and the damage this crisis is causing to our Pacific Island neighbours by declaring a climate emergency.
- We demand that all parties in Parliament support passing into law an ambitious zero carbon act that:
 - Sets in place a goal of being Zero Carbon **by 2040**.
 - Aligns with limiting warming to 1.5 degrees celsius. According to the IPCC, this requires immediate, transformative reductions in carbon emissions over the next decade. So, if we're serious about meeting the 1.5 target, we must have a comprehensive plan in place to halve our carbon emissions by 2030.
 - Establishes an independent climate commission to guide the transition to zero carbon through setting short term emissions budgets, expert advice and holding the Government to account. This advice must be guided by comprehensive and meaningful engagement with Tangata Whenua, younger generations and structurally oppressed groups in particular from the

beginning. A subgroup of the climate change commission should be established, the Youth Climate Coalition, which provides youth input into decisions and recommendations being made by the commission.

- Creates a mechanism for these targets to be legally enforceable. As the bill currently stands, [Section 5ZJ](#) states that if a government fails to meet a target, a court may only issue a declaration of breach. No other remedy is allowed. This clause must be re-written to give the bill the “teeth” it needs to drive transformative change. We believe that the consequences and remedies available should reflect the severity of the breach, and may be imposed against the Government, or big polluters depending on the situation. Some options for potential remedies are: the Minister should immediately resign, or the Government should be ordered to invest in climate change initiatives to remedy the harm they’ve caused by failing to meet the target.
 - Requires the Government to implement a transparent and equitable national adaptation plan.
 - Has a **methane reduction target of at least 47% by 2050**. We believe that a single, clear target is crucial for allowing the farming sector the long-term certainty they need to transition. A target of 47% reflects New Zealand’s ability and responsibility as a rich developed nation to do more than the bare minimum global average 35% methane reduction by 2050 set by IPCC. Transforming the agricultural industry and moving to more sustainable land-use practises is important for addressing the other interconnected environmental crises we are facing, by regenerating the land, improving water and soil quality, increasing biodiversity and diversifying our economy - this will make us more resilient.
 - Recognises the urgency of keeping the sea levels from rising at the expense of the homes of our Pacific neighbours.
 - Honours the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi and is intergenerationally and socially just, this means that all Government and Climate Commission plans and policies must be guided by comprehensive and meaningful consultation with Tangata Whenua and younger generations in particular.
- We demand that the Government cease all new exploration and extraction of oil, coal and gas. This includes not granting any extensions of existing permits. This must be paired with Government investment in renewable energy production and sustainable transport systems to reduce our reliance on fossil fuels.
 - We demand that the Government invests in building a renewable, resilient and regenerative economy, and energy and transport systems now. This means immediate investment in renewable energy production, and reducing the need for fossil fuels in transport, and retraining and the provision of alternative jobs in clean, sustainable industries that don’t harm the ecosystems on which we depend for survival. This must be done through meaningful partnerships with communities, Tangata Whenua and youth to ensure a just transition and that no one is left behind.