

# New Zealand's third Multilateral Assessment

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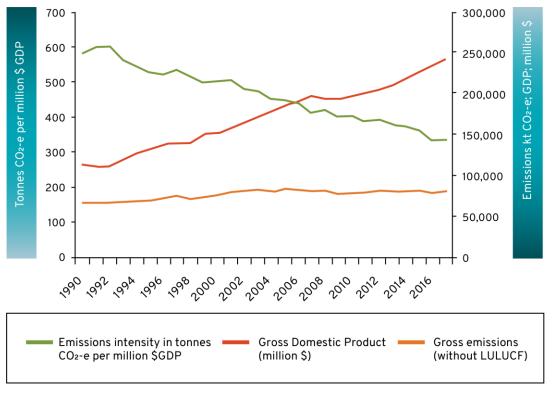
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# New Zealand's National Circumstances

- Located in the South Pacific Ocean
- Long, narrow and mountainous country
- Population: 4.8 million
- Open, trade-reliant economy
- GDP: NZ\$230.5 billion
- Māori economy: NZ\$50 billion



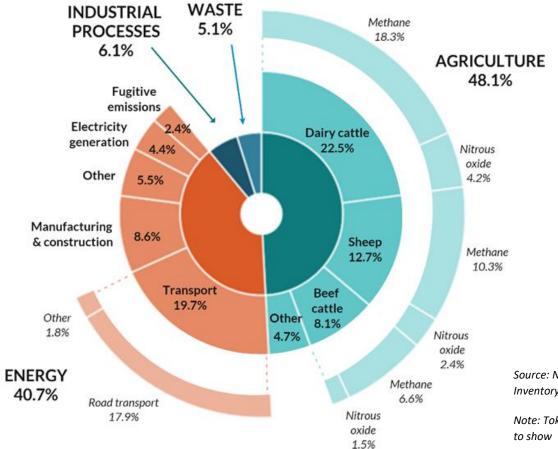
#### **Decoupling Emissions from Economic Growth**



 Share of global (gross) emissions: 0.17%

NOTE: CO<sub>2</sub> = carbon dioxide; GDP = gross domestic product; kt = kilotonnes; LULUCF = land-use, land-use change and forestry

#### **Emissions Profile**



Source: New Zealand's Greenhouse Gas Inventory 1990-2017, published April 2019

Note: Tokelau's emissions are too small to show

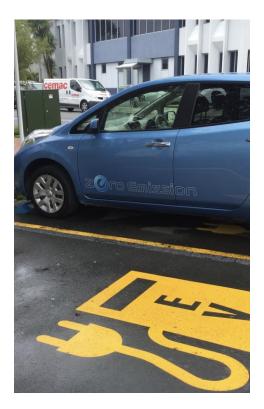
#### Targets

#### International

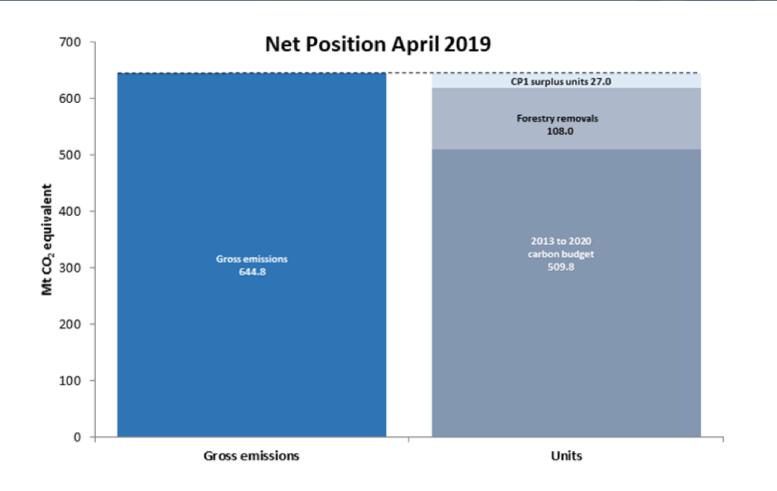
- Met Kyoto Protocol CP1 target:
  - reduce emissions to 1990 levels on average over CP1
- Set to meet 2020 target
  - reduce emissions 5% below 1990 levels
- Nationally Determined Contribution
  - reduce emissions 30% below 2005 levels by 2030

#### Domestic

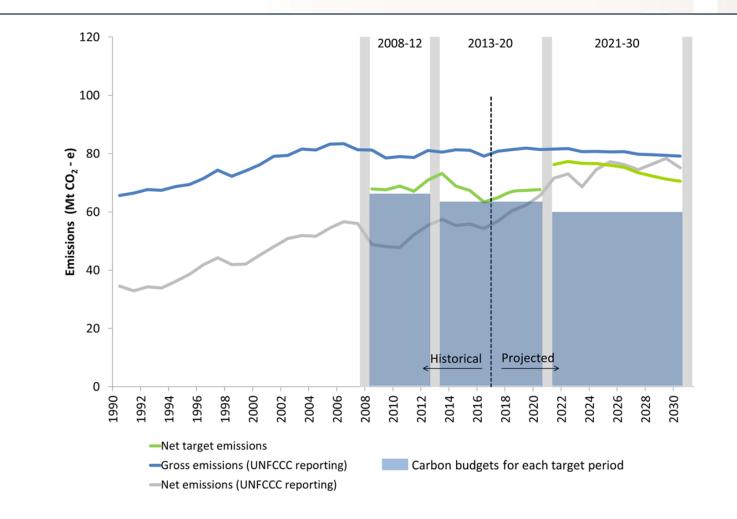
- New target:
  - reduce biogenic methane to 24-47% below 2017 levels by 2050 – including to 10% below 2017 levels by 2030;
  - reduce net emissions of all other GHGs to zero by 2050



# 2020 Target



## 2030 NDC Target



#### **Latest Policies and Measures**

Mitigation/Long-term Plans	Adaptation	Just Transition	Investment and Finance
Zero Carbon ActImprove the NZ ETSPlant one billion trees by 2028Price agricultural emissions from 2025100% renewable electricity by 2035NZ\$14 billion transport plan for 2027Make electric and cleaner cars more affordableNo new offshore oil and gas exploration permits from 2018Review tax treatment of oil and gas production	<ul> <li>Zero Carbon Act measures:</li> <li>National Climate Change Risk Assessments</li> <li>National Adaptation Plans in response to each risk assessment</li> <li>organisations or Climate Change Commission to provide information on adaptation if requested</li> <li>Central and local government programmes to support community resilience</li> </ul>	Metrics and indictors beyond GDP and income (to measure and manage risk and resilience) Held national Just Transition Summit 2018 New government Just Transitions Unit NZ\$27 million to set up National New Energy Development Centre Energy technology research: NZ\$20 million over 4 years	<ul> <li>Green Investment Finance:</li> <li>NZ\$100 million for low emissions investments</li> <li>Reforming Reserve Bank Act</li> <li>monitor and manage climate risks to financial stability</li> <li>Researching solutions to agricultural emissions:</li> <li>NZ Agricultural GHG Research Centre: NZ\$9.7 million/year</li> <li>Global Research Alliance on Agricultural GHGs: NZ\$73.5 million so far</li> <li>Proposing mandatory climate-related financial disclosures</li> <li>Climate-related support:</li> <li>at least NZ\$300 million over 4 years (2019-2022)</li> <li>Green Climate Fund replenishment: NZ\$15 million</li> </ul>



# The Zero Carbon Act

- A framework for clear and stable climate change policies into the future:
  - sets an ambitious target for 2050
  - establishes emissions budgets to achieve our 2050 target
  - establishes an independent Climate Change Commission
  - institutes a range of climate change adaptation measures

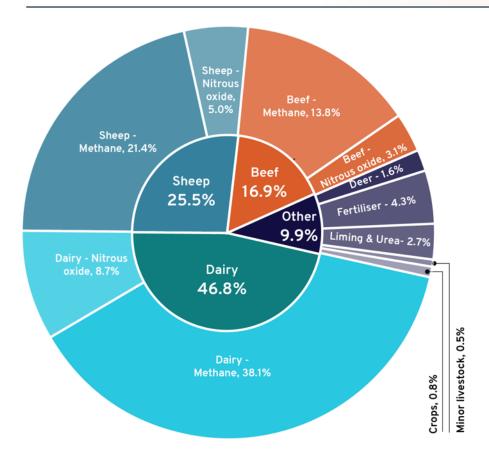


## The New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme

- Our primary tool for emissions reductions
- Started 2008
- Reviewed between 2015-2017
- 2020: align the purpose of the NZ ETS with the Zero Carbon Act and Paris Agreement
- Current price: NZ\$24.5



# Agriculture



- Significant for New Zealand's export-dependent economy
- World's largest single-country exporter of dairy products and sheep meat
- Pricing mechanism for agricultural emissions from 2025
  - and a Joint Action Plan in the interim

## Energy

- 82% of electricity from renewable sources in 2017
  - Goal: 100% renewable electricity by 2035
- Significant potential to reduce transport emissions
  - Consideration of a Clean Car Discount and Clean Car Standard
  - NZ\$14 billion transport plan for 2027



#### Forestry

- Forests offset nearly 30% of gross emissions in 2017
- Third biggest export earner
- Significant Māori forestry interests
- Forestry included in the NZ ETS
- Target one billion trees planted by 2028
  - 150 million planted to date





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