

If the climate crisis is the greatest problem humanity has ever faced, why isn't it the top issue in the election?

**CLIMATE**

**FIRST NZ**

### *What we believe*

The Climate First Party exists because there is currently no political party in New Zealand whose policies, if implemented, would keep global heating below 1.5 degrees Celsius. For us, stopping the climate crisis is the number one priority.

We understand that the climate crisis is threatening humanity and most other species on earth with extinction. We hope that a growing number of people realise this and would vote in the 2020 election for a party proposing decisive action to stop this disaster.

1. Emissions reduction is the number one issue; clean water and other environmental issues, while important, will be meaningless if human society exterminates itself.

2. New Zealand is so small that the only difference we can make in the world is as a model OECD post-carbon country.

3. Unless the emission reduction burden is shared equally, people will not make the required sacrifices and changes.

# Our policies at a glance

*# All emitters must reduce in proportion to their current emissions. For example, Agriculture, which emits 47 % of NZ emissions, must make 47% of the reductions.*

# Commit now to a straight-line net Emissions Reduction Pathway to net zero by 2038, so that we stay within our fair emissions budget as 0.06% of the world's population.

# A Genuine Progress Indicator would replace growth in GDP as the measure of socio-economic wellbeing.

# A Carbon Tax/Payout of \$100 per tonne of CO<sub>2</sub>e would be instituted immediately and universally. However, an emitter who reduced their emissions in line with the Emissions Reduction Pathway would neither pay the tax nor receive a payout. This would replace the ETS.

# Equality will be enhanced by initially bringing in a tax of 0.75% on all private wealth, and this would be redistributed as a Universal Citizens' Income, initially of \$2,000 per year for all 18+. This would be self-funding and be paid on top of any existing benefits. To receive the UCI, a citizen would be required to vote in elections.

## Electoral strategy 2020

Climate First would stand candidates only in electorates where the result is a foregone conclusion. We would avoid marginal electorates where a Green Party or Labour Candidate had a chance of winning; this is because these two parties have better, although still completely inadequate, climate-change policies than National or NZ First. Climate First would not have a list, even if it surpassed 500 members, unless it had a chance of reaching the 5% threshold.

These fundamental policies are explained in detail on the website [www.climatefirstnz.org](http://www.climatefirstnz.org). They are radical and way beyond what any other party is promoting. They assert that we can't stop the climate crisis without moving outside the current economic paradigm and that never-ending economic growth is not compatible with continued life on Earth.

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