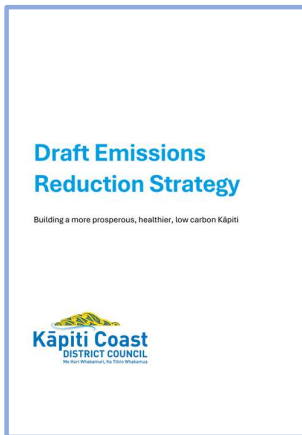


Emissions Reduction Strategy



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About this Easy Read

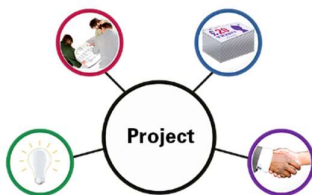


This Easy Read is:

- from the Kāpiti Coast District **Council** – Me Huri Whakamuri, Ka Titiro Whakamua
- about the Emissions Reduction **Strategy**.



A **council** means the people who make choices about how to run an area like Kāpiti Coast.



Here a **strategy** is a set of plans that are made to reach a long-term goal.



In this Easy Read document the:

- Kāpiti Coast District Council will be called **the Council**
- Emissions Reduction Strategy will be called **the Strategy**.

What is climate change?



This Easy Read document talks about **climate change**.



Climate change means big changes in the weather all over the world.

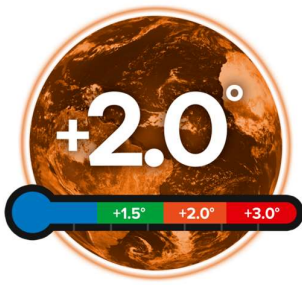


Climate change is caused by people:

- burning things like coal to make energy
- driving cars that use petrol
- cutting down forests.



We know that climate change is happening.



The world is getting hotter with all the **greenhouse gas emissions** in the air.



Greenhouse gas emissions are:

- gases that make the air hot
- caused by people doing things like driving cars that use petrol
- called **emissions**.



As the world gets hotter the weather will change.



In the Kāpiti Coast district there will be more things like:

- floods – too much rain / water
- bad storms
- very hot weather
- droughts – when there is no rain for a long time.



About the Strategy



The Strategy is about how everyone living / working in Kāpiti Coast district can work towards less emissions.



The Council has a goal to be a **net zero** emissions district by 2040.



Net zero means balancing emissions to 0.

This means the emissions from things like driving cars are balanced by doing things like planting trees.



Working towards net zero will slow down climate change.

What the Strategy will look like



Some of the ways the Council is planning on becoming net zero are to:



- make better / drier homes
- support people to get to places without driving
- save money on power / fuel bills by using low emission technologies like solar panels.



Some other ways the Council is planning on becoming net zero are to:

- use electricity instead of:
 - coal
 - petrol
- make sure the **economy** is ready to deal with climate change.



An **economy** is a system where people:

- make money
- spend money.

Who is responsible for the Strategy?



Here **responsible** means who will work on the Strategy.

The Strategy is to support everyone in Kāpiti.



It was made by the community telling the Council what they wanted.

The Strategy will work well when everyone does their part to get to net zero like:



- the Council
- people who live in the Kāpiti Coast district
- businesses.



They can do things like:

- plant trees
- keep their emissions low.



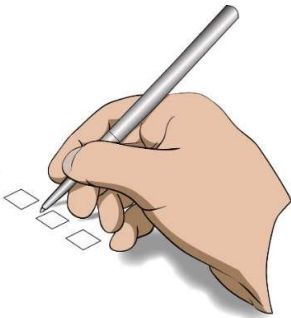
Doing this means Kāpiti Coast will carry on being a good place to:

- live
- work.

What happens next?



The Strategy will be **reviewed** every 5 years.



Here a **review** is when you:

- check how things are going
- decide if anything needs to be changed.

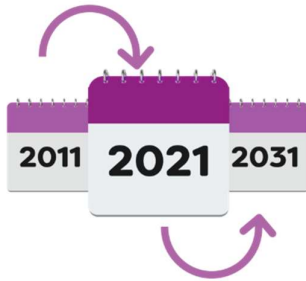


In the future there will be other strategies to deal with climate change.



These strategies will connect together to make things happen in the:

- next few years
- long-term which is over many years to come.



More information



The full Strategy can be read at this
website:

www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/EmissionsReductionStrategy



The full Strategy is **not** in Easy Read.



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