

Climate Emergency Action Framework

1. Framework Validation

- 1.1 The Kapiti Coast District Council Climate Emergency Action Framework was adopted at a meeting of the Kapiti Coast District Council held on 29 July 2021, after completion of a public consultation process as part of the Long-term Plan 2021–41.

2 Vision

- 2.1 The vision at the heart of the Climate Emergency Action Framework is a thriving, vibrant and strong Kāpiti that has reduced its carbon footprint significantly, transitioned to a low-carbon future, and prepared for challenges and opportunities that come from responding to the climate crisis.

3 Objectives

- 3.1 The Framework’s primary objective is to establish a common aim and set of principles to embed considerations of climate change mitigation, adaptation, sustainability and resilience across the organisation.
- 3.2 The Framework will guide Council decision-making to ensure consistent practices, embed sustainability across Council, provide a platform to raise awareness about existing workstreams, and provide a platform to agree plans and priorities for future work.
- 3.3 The objectives and principles proposed in the Framework align with the community outcomes of the Long-term Plan 2021–41 and are based on feedback Council has been receiving from the community for the past several years.
- 3.4 Additional information on Council’s current and future climate change-related workstreams will follow the development of this Framework.

4 Principles

- 4.1 Council demonstrates strong and effective leadership on climate change mitigation and adaptation to support Toitū Kāpiti and give effect to the climate change emergency; this includes a commitment to act in the face of uncertainty using the best scientific information available.
- 4.2 Council honours Te Tiriti o Waitangi and its partnership with mana whenua. Ngāti Raukawa ki te Tonga, Ātiawa ki Whakarongotai, and Ngāti Toa Rangatira will be involved as partners in Council’s climate change response and any projects that arise from this Framework to ensure a mana enhancing partnership is nurtured throughout.
- 4.3 Council will meet all of its climate change-related statutory obligations.

- 4.4 Decision making is inclusive, transparent, and based on ongoing collaboration and consultation with the wider community, businesses, social service organisations, and key sectors from industry and science.
- 4.5 Decision making will acknowledge the depth of knowledge that Ngāti Raukawa ki te Tonga, Ātiawa ki Whakarongotai, and Ngāti Toa Rangatira hold in terms of climate change and the value of māramatanga (lessons learned through centuries of kaitiakitanga, manaakitanga, and whanaungatanga). Council will draw on this knowledge during the decision-making process to reflect the value of māramatanga and the expertise that mana whenua have in this area.
- 4.6 Decision making will consider:
 - 4.6.1 Best practice guidance and recommendations
 - 4.6.2 Costs and benefits, including broader co-benefits to the four well-beings
 - 4.6.3 Level of risk, particularly if an action is not taken
 - 4.6.4 Urgency of any issues at hand
 - 4.6.5 How effectively a proposed action will address any issues at hand
 - 4.6.6 Avoiding any actions that might worsen inequity or compromise future generations
 - 4.6.7 Promotion of actions that will allow mana whenua to act as kaitiaki, supporting them to create sustainable practices that they can implement within their rohe
 - 4.6.8 Mana whenua advice, community feedback, and potential alignment with neighbouring councils
 - 4.6.9 Long-term effectiveness of proposed actions, regardless of current or future trends or pressures.
- 4.7 Sustainability, resilience, and climate change-related work is integrated and coordinated across Council.
- 4.8 Council takes opportunities to participate in government reforms of national policy and legislation – particularly in relation to climate change mitigation, adaptation and the Resource Management Act (RMA).
- 4.9 Council advocates for policies and programmes that support the Toitū Kāpiti vision, and actively canvasses for funding opportunities.
- 4.10 Council looks for and takes opportunities to lead, facilitate and empower iwi-led and other community-led projects and initiatives that aim to build sustainability, resilience, and green innovation.