



Environmental Policy

The Māori Party is committed to the protection of the environment – to leaving this earth better than how we found it. We also want to ensure that hapū and iwi, as kaitiaki and tangata whenua, have a significant role to play in decisions that affect the environment.

The Māori Party will:

Freshwater

- ✓ **Legislate to protect** freshwater and give it the status of tāonga.
- ✓ **Establish** a Minister for Freshwater to give urgent priority to addressing freshwater protection, rights and interests.
- ✓ **Set up** an annual [Te Mana o Te Wai](#) funding to support community projects such as planting riparian buffers and establish wetlands.
- ✓ **Impose** a moratorium on the sale of water (this includes all water used/sold for commercial use including water exports by foreign companies) so that issues around water, including, management and ownership, can be addressed.
- ✓ **Make** the freshwater standard 'drinkable'

- ✓ **Prioritise** action to counter the effects of pollution caused by nitrogen and phosphorus that are leaching into our waterways.
- ✓ **Support** funding for the capturing of rainfall and better clean water storage systems particularly in rural areas.
- ✓ **Restore** the health and wellbeing of our rivers, lakes and waterways

Tackling waste

- ✓ **Campaign** for the reduction of all forms of waste.
- ✓ **Ban** plastic bags and incentivise the provision of more sustainable alternatives.
- ✓ **Provide** free reusable cups for hot drinks and incentivise the use of reusable cups through subsidising hot drinks.
- ✓ **Support** a levy on all tourists entering Aotearoa to improve infrastructure and impacts on the environment.
- ✓ **Support** research and development of a natural alternative to 1080.
- ✓ **Introduce** tax breaks for renewable energy research and projects.
- ✓ **Repeal** section 360D of the Resource Legislation Amendment Act.

Fisheries

- ✓ **Promote** the transition from net setting and trawling (which would be out to the 100m depth contour) to more selective sustainable methods thereby

enhancing biodiversity within the marine area and preventing the extinction of marine species such as the Māui and Hector's dolphins and the eyelash seaweed.

- ✓ **Review** the Quota Management System and current New Zealand fisheries management to address issues of fish dumping, the non-reporting of bycatch and illegal fishing practices.
- ✓ **Support** the rebuilding of depleted fish stocks for inshore fisheries and the closure of sensitive inshore fisheries areas to destructive commercial harvesting methods to protect and enhance the environment and save juvenile fish.
- ✓ **Enhance** biodiversity within the marine area and prevent the extinction of the Māui dolphin and other marine life.

Climate change solutions

- ✓ **Prioritise** solutions that address the effects of Climate Change working across the political spectrum to tackle climate change.
- ✓ **Enact** emissions targets into law and support the setting of carbon budgets that would act as stepping stones towards the targets.
- ✓ **Support** the establishment of an independent Climate Commission to advise on setting carbon budgets and to report on meeting those budgets.
- ✓ **Set up** government subsidies for electric vehicles for community groups.
- ✓ **Establish** whānau friendly cities encouraging young people to have a voice in the design and planning of their cities starting with green spaces in urban centres.

- ✓ **Create** more kura taiao and enviro-school models of curriculum.
- ✓ **Support** a proposal that will see the planting of 100,000 hectares of new forests over the next 10 years.

Renewable energy

- ✓ **Introduce** tax breaks for renewable energy research and projects.
- ✓ **Provide** incentives for the business and industry sector to change from coal generated power to solar energy.
- ✓ **Introduce** a government subsidised solar energy installation plan for all homes in Aotearoa.
- ✓ **Promote** innovative ways to support the development of alternative fuel from raw materials.
- ✓ **Develop** a trial with the Māori Centre of Research Excellence and the Government to test the viability of a locally focused alternative fuels project.
- ✓ **Develop** grants to fund mentors to support whānau to develop alternative energy sources.
- ✓ **Champion** solar panels for government agencies, hospitals, schools and marae.
- ✓ **Subsidise** solar heating and expansion of energy hubs for rural communities.
- ✓ **Close** all coal fired power plants by 2025.

- ✓ **Provide** solar power and energy storage (home battery) solutions to low income families and remote communities.
- ✓ **Provide** solar power and energy storage solutions to Marae, schools, hospitals, government departments, sports clubs and community centres.
- ✓ **Introduce** a government subsidised solar energy installation plan for 200,00 homes over a one year period.
- ✓ **Enable** families, community organisations and businesses to sell their unused solar energy to a government trading platform.
- ✓ **Ensure** Mana Whenua are consulted on all oil and mineral exploration permits.