

How do I vote for climate justice?

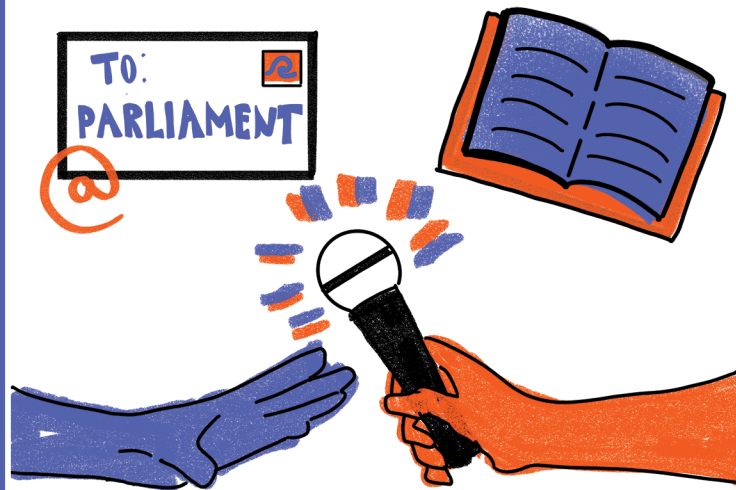
Voting for climate justice doesn't just mean voting for strong climate action policies: it means voting for parties that uphold policies of equity and justice across communities.

A vote for climate justice could be a vote for safe, affordable housing, or educational reform, or a vote for the living wage, or a vote for Māori Wards in local councils, or progressive immigration policies, the list goes on.



What can you do?

1. Educate yourself and the people around you. Do your research and have a kōrero with your friends and whānau.
2. Support historically disadvantaged groups to lead their own solutions for climate justice. Use your platform to amplify their voices.
3. Contact your local MP (or even the Prime Minister!) and tell them why climate justice is important to you.
4. Vote and support parties and campaigns advocating for just climate policies.



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What is climate justice?

Climate justice recognises that climate change is a social issue as well as an environmental issue.

Climate change affects individuals and communities to different extents, exacerbating existing inequalities based on ethnicity, age, gender, disability, income and location, and the intersections between them.

When we address climate change, we need to address the inequities within it, including the structural issues from which existing inequalities derive. Doing this will lead us toward a greener, brighter future for everyone.



What does climate justice in Aotearoa New Zealand look like?

In Aotearoa New Zealand, a climate justice-oriented response to climate change means collaboratively designing solutions, and following the leadership of folks most affected.

Climate change will disproportionately impact rural and geographically exposed communities, lower socio-economic communities, historically disadvantaged communities and communities that currently rely on unsustainable industries for jobs.

Effective solutions come from working together to create space for empowerment.

Climate justice in Aotearoa New Zealand also means following the leadership of mana whenua and honouring Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

A just transition to a zero carbon Aotearoa will require us to be good Tiriti-partners to find solutions that uphold Te Tiriti and are co-designed with diverse representation from the local community, iwi and hapū.



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