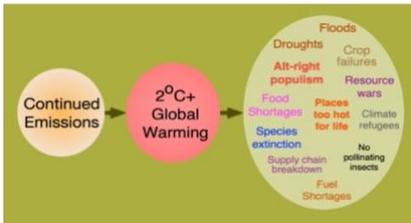


# PATHWAY TO SURVIVAL

Overheating planet, collapsing nature, social injustice

Big related crises

Let's make a path forward together!



## Converging Crises

Global warming is coming at us, bringing a tangle of interrelated crises. These could worsen suddenly and soon.

Like it or not, we're facing big changes in how we live. Let's make this by design, not disaster!



## Solutions

The single most important way of avoiding catastrophic warming is to end greenhouse emissions – in rich countries like NZ by 2030.

This can only be done by a major re-set of our society.

It's doable. Countries do respond when faced with dire emergencies.



## Let's get these ideas into the 2023 election

Let's build a coalition to put forward a platform of these solutions.

A wero/challenge to political candidates.

A pathway to survival for all of us together.



## Mihi

Centuries of domination and exploitation of land, sea and people have brought our planetary home to an existential catastrophe. We acknowledge with grateful respect the generations of knowledge-bearing people, including Tangata Whenua who despite hardship and loss have resolutely sustained their interconnections with Te Taiao (Nature) and their responsibility to it.

Ka nui a mātou mihi ki a rātou!!

We believe efforts to minimise and roll back the unfolding catastrophe will be stronger if the best available minds from both Tiriti partners are working in concert.

With humility and willingness to listen and learn, we submit this draft list of suggestions as a potential rallying point in the hope of drawing together a collective of diverse but like-minded groups.

Please visit our website at [www.climatejusticenow.nz](http://www.climatejusticenow.nz) to read more and help shape these demands.



## Tiriti Justice and Co-Governance

*Change the way decisions are made to give everyone a voice – Tangata Whenua and Tangata Tiriti (or Tauwiwi) – rather than big business.*

### **What Must Be Done**

- Ensure the public understand the severity of the inter-related climate, ecosystem and social inequality crises and how these arose from our collective colonial and capitalist history.
- Formally recognise the primacy of Te Tiriti text and that Māori sovereignty was never ceded.
- Welcome and use the Matike Mai process to create new forms of respectful relationships between Tangata Whenua and Tangata Tiriti, and forms of co-governance that reflect our interdependence, shared values and responsibility to Te Taiao (The Environment/Planet/Universe)
- Ensure that decision-making and governance structures reflect true participatory democracy, not the voices of corporate vested interests. Explore new structures, such as Te Tiriti-based citizens assemblies, that ensure equity between Tangata Whenua, Tangata Moana (related peoples from the pacific) and Tangata Tiriti (the rest of us) and give a voice to ordinary people's concerns.
- A formal information programme to tell the truth about the interrelated crises, so everyone is well informed.



## Te Taiao

*Repair and protect the land, water and wild areas we depend on for food and life.*

### **What Must Be Done**

- Expand local food self-sufficiency.
- Ensure safe drinking water in all communities.
- End use of synthetic nitrogen fertiliser and move to regenerative food production.
- Expand carbon sinks – reserve areas of bush, wetlands and ocean, and expand urban tree canopy.
- Cease bottom trawling, create marine sanctuaries to prevent fishing and mining in 30-50% of our Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ).
- Cease international trade that causes deforestation or other ecosystem destruction in other parts of the world, e.g, palm oil, palm kernel extract.



## Economy of Enough

*Shift to a steady-state economy based on collective welfare, not greed and resource overshoot.*

### **What Must Be Done**

- Shift to a steady-state, circular economic model that ensures we are not consuming more ecosystem resources than the planetary ecosystem can regenerate (resource overshoot)
- Gradually reset existing fiscal, monetary, and trade policy levers from growth toward a steady state.
- Expand local self-sufficiency and reduce international trade in favour of local production of energy, food and basic necessities.
- Replace vested interest lobbyists with citizens assemblies for crucial economic decision-making and resource allocation.



## Use Less Energy

*Bring in a managed energy descent – reduce energy use and minimise waste.*

### **What Must Be Done**

- Bring in a form of universal rationing or quota scheme, such as tradable energy quotas (TEQ) or tradable carbon credits (TCC), to reduce energy use and emissions in an equitable and planned manner.
- Stop food and packaging waste, and planned obsolescence of appliances e.g. require businesses to be responsible for the cost of a product at all stages of its life, including disposal.
- Move from ownership to shared use.
- Stop the advertising of non-essentials.
- Require all new builds to meet safe, low-energy, climate-proof standards.



## End Inequality

*End inequality of wealth, housing and income security.*

### **What Must Be Done**

- Ensure all those affected by the major changes outlined here are supported fairly through the transition to new activities with no loss of basic security.
- Guarantee universal access to a minimum income and basic free services, including health care, education, public transport, energy, internet access.
- Guarantee universal access to safe secure affordable housing, e.g. through state/public building programmes, appropriate taxation, stronger protection for renters etc.
- Ensure equity through a progressive income and wealth tax system that taxes the richest to ensure income security for all.



## End Emissions

*End Aotearoa's production of greenhouse emissions.*

### **What Must Be Done**

- Immediately cease government funding and subsidies for high emitters and high emission activities.
- End coal, oil and gas extraction and imports.
- Bring in a form of universal rationing/quota scheme such as tradable energy quotas (TEQ) or tradable carbon credits (TCC) to reduce emissions in an equitable and planned manner.
- Shift funding away from motorways and other car infrastructure to facilities for walking, cycling, low-emission rail and shipping, and a linked-up national public transport system.
- Expand low-carbon alternatives to domestic and international air travel, including inter-city rail, coastal shipping, and increased use of virtual conferencing.
- Expand alternative low-emission technologies for transport, agriculture, etc.
- Cease industrial agriculture, including intensive dairying, with support to farmers to shift to regenerative agriculture systems and/or rewilding.
- Reduce imports of goods and services with high embedded emissions, and localise production of as many essential goods as possible.



## Plan and Prepare

*Plan and rebuild our homes, cities and infrastructure NOW to meet the climate challenges.*

### **What Must Be Done**

- Plan how we will live in rural and urban areas with 2-5m sea-level rise (e.g., managed retreat).
- Set building regulations to meet severe weather events – floods, tornadoes, dangerous heatwaves.
- Transport – plan now for how we will move people and stuff when fossil fuels are no longer available. Plan for localisation of work, food production and many other activities.
- Waste & waste water – set up safe recycling and management systems able to withstand climate disasters.
- Develop appropriate technology for these transitions, e.g., human-powered and low-powered transport, moveable modular housing, and low-energy polyculture food growing.



## Align Foreign Policy

*Align Aotearoa's foreign policy with these measures.*

### **What Must Be Done**

- Ensure that international agreements and investment arrangements support the government to take effective action to protect te Taiao.
- Collaborate with other countries to meet these goals.
- Shift NZ's military spending away from armaments and warfare more towards peacekeeping and rescue.
- Take a non-aligned position internationally and support negotiation initiatives.
- Support and welcome Tangata o Te Moana who are displaced by sea-level rise.
- Support the Global South's call for the countries of the Global North to cancel debt in order to make reparation for their long-time exploitation of Global South resources.

## Co-creating a pathway to survival

We are a group of activists from within Extinction Rebellion. Extinction Rebellion persistently sounds the alarm about the crises – but it will take all of us working together to create a path forward.

We've been inspired by the mahi of many people and groups, including [Te Waka Hourua](#), [Rise Up for Climate Justice Aotearoa](#), [Matike Mai](#), [Anne Salmond](#), [Moana Jackson](#), [Coal Action Network Aotearoa](#), [Mike Joy](#), [Jason Hickel](#), [Andreas Malm](#), [Max Rashbrook](#), [Our Climate Declaration](#), [Terrence Loomis](#), [Greenpeace Aotearoa](#) and many more.

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