

The Climate Leaders Coalition was launched in July 2018 to promote business leadership and collective action on the issue of climate change.

On a mission to reduce emissions in Aotearoa, more than 110 Chief Executives have so far signed the joint statement, which commits their organisation to take voluntary action on climate change. This includes measuring and publicly reporting their greenhouse gas emissions, setting a public emissions reduction target, and working with suppliers to reduce their emissions. The second part of the statement sees signatories support the Paris Agreement and New Zealand's commitment to it, the introduction of a Climate Commission and carbon budgets enshrined in law.



The Coalition's goal is to help New Zealand transition to a low emissions economy and, in doing so, create a positive future for New Zealanders, businesses, and the economy.

A big part of the Coalition's work in its first year has been about demonstrating leadership to help others make faster progress on reducing their emissions. Coalition signatories have done this via sharing case studies, hosting workshops and piloting an innovation workstream to help New Zealand meet its zero carbon ambitions.

In July 2019 the Coalition celebrated its first anniversary with the release of a snapshot report detailing signatories progress against the commitments they signed up to.

Collectively in delivering against the pledge, 90% are measuring emissions, 71% are publicly reporting them, more than half have set a public emissions reduction target, and 60% are working with their suppliers to reduce their emissions.

To show the Coalition means business, it has also released a second higher ambition pledge. The new pledge reflects the latest science that illustrates the need to limit global warming to 1.5°C and aligns with the Government's ambitions in the Zero Carbon Bill. The Coalition hopes to transition new and existing signatories to this more ambitious pledge over time.

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