Our plan for a modern New Zealand we can all be proud of

We're lucky to call the most beautiful country in the world, home—I wouldn't want to raise my child anywhere else.

This is a wonderful country, full of amazing people who work hard and achieve great things. It's backing us to stand taller, not just to keep our position on the global stage in a world that is changing, but to build something better for our children. It's a heritage we inherit, not one we can inherit. At its core, this Government believes in showing leadership through example. We believe in leading the world with the values that are New Zealanders—full potential.

The Coalition Government's long-term plan is a blueprint which sets out our priorities and the steps we are taking to build a more modern and fairer New Zealand that we can all be proud of. It's the right thing to do as we strive towards a better New Zealand for this generation and the next.

That's why I'm proud of the Coalition Government's long-term plan. It's a genuine plan for the long-term: it sets New Zealand on a course that will deliver a better future for those we have a duty to protect, and it means we need to make the right decisions now to build a sustainable and just future.

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We're delivering on our promises to improve housing, lift living standards, protect our precious environment and upgrade our transport and other infrastructure. We're showing in education and training, as we see our young people rise to the challenges of our time, that we need to make the right decisions now to ensure we provide a brighter future for our children.

Building on what we have already delivered:


We are building a modern economy that is fit for the 21st century. That means being smarter in how we work. It means an economy that produces and exports higher value goods, one that protects our environment and supports our regions grow, and one that makes each of New Zealand’s regions share in the rewards of economic growth.

We cannot continue to rely on an economy built on population growth, an overheated housing market and the export of raw commodities. That has led to the gateway suburbs and outer working, our regions being neglected, and too many people being left behind.

A. Grow and share New Zealand’s prosperity more fairly

We are partnering with business to encourage innovation and productivity, and build a skilled workforce through:

• Immigration – regional skills lists so regions get the skilled workers they need.
• Unemployment low
• Ensuring the Reserve Bank works to keep both inflation and unemployment low
• Low carbon industries
• R&D – incentivising business to expand their investment in research, development and build a skilled workforce through:
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We want New Zealand to have access to world-class education and healthcare, live in a home that is healthy and safe, and in a community that is fair and inclusive for all. We are building a sustainable future by:

B. Support thinking, sustainable regions

We are supporting regions to flourish by creating new opportunities for them via:

• Setting new limits on what home owners can build on their land.
• Building 100,000 affordable homes for first home buyers through a mix of new home owners and investors.
• Enhancing the SuperGold Card
• Ensuring quality careers advice is available
• Innovative training schemes like Mana in Mahi/Strength in Work where employers are supported to take on apprentices and new schemes to tackle youth unemployment

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