

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. I'm backing us to be even better, so this Government is working to unlock New Zealand's – and every New Zealander's – full potential.

That's why I'm proud of the Coalition Government's long-term plan. It's 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.

At its core, this Government believes in showing leadership through kindness. We believe our people come first, that our environment is worth protecting, and that we need to make the right decisions now to ensure we provide a better future for our children.

Our plan builds on the significant and important changes we have already made over the last year.

We're rebuilding the hospitals, schools and public services that all New Zealanders rely on, and that have been run down for nearly a decade.

We're delivering on our promises to improve housing, lift living standards, protect our precious environment and upgrade critical transport and other infrastructure.

We're investing in education and training so all our young people have the options they deserve and so workers can adapt to future challenges and opportunities.

And we're doing this through responsible management of the Government's books – running surpluses, paying off debt, and making the sound investments we need for the future.

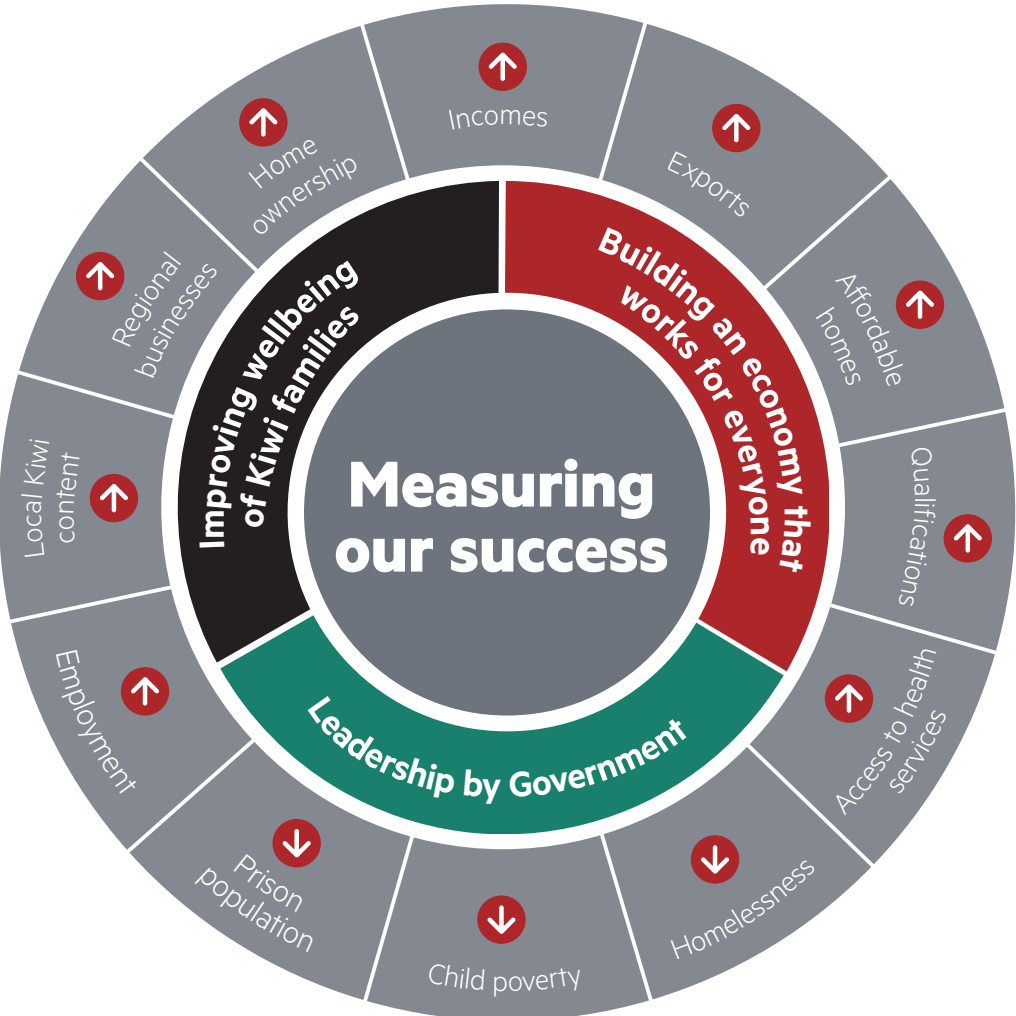
Importantly, this is a long-term plan. We're looking out 30 years ahead, not just three, bringing fresh energy and thinking to tackle big challenges, like climate change and child poverty. With us, problems won't be put in the 'too hard' basket.

We're showing the world what good leadership looks like, giving New Zealanders even more reason to be proud of our country.

And we'll hold ourselves to account. The measures we've published alongside our plan will enable you to track our progress, as we will ourselves. These will be a powerful incentive for us to make sure our policies and plans are effective.

It's the right thing to do as we strive towards a better New Zealand for this generation and the next.

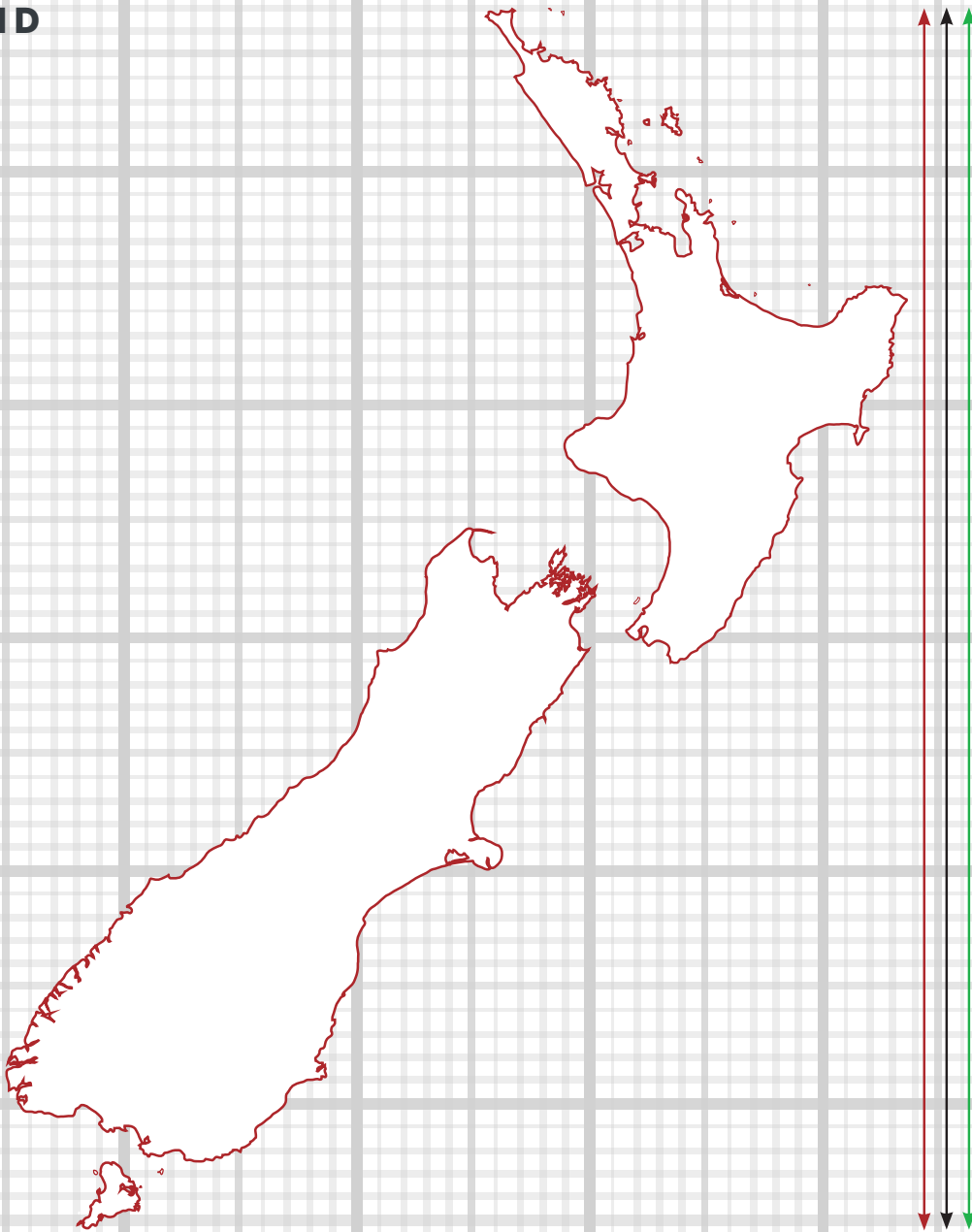
Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern
Prime Minister of New Zealand



Building on what we have already delivered:

Extended Paid Parental Leave. Stopped foreign purchasing of Kiwi homes. Made first year tertiary fees-free. Stopped state house sell-off. Built first KiwiBuild homes. Restarted Super Fund contributions. Established Pike River Recovery Agency. Increased minimum wage. Committed to child poverty reduction targets. Set up Mental Health Inquiry. Boosted Family Tax Credit. Increased Working for Families. Helped new families with Best Start payment. Winter Energy Payment to cover power bills. Invested in fixing hospitals. Made GP visits cheaper for 600,000 New Zealanders. Rolling out national bowel screening. Supported community midwives. Modernising air ambulance network. Free counselling for more young adults. Expanded nurses in schools. Invested in schools and new classrooms. Increased support for early childhood education. 1500 more teachers. Boosted learning support. Scrapped National Standards. Building more state houses. Warm and dry rental homes. Banning letting fees. Rolled out emergency winter housing. Began planting one billion trees. Re-established Te Uru Rākau (Forestry New Zealand). Provincial Growth Fund investments in jobs and opportunities. Record transport investment. Prioritised road safety. Committed to Auckland light rail. Adding 1800 more police. Announced new prison at Waikeria. Helping Canterbury homeowners resolve claims. Started removal of travel departure cards. Started work on Fair Pay Agreements. Pay equity for mental health workers. Support for apprenticeships. Closing GST loophole to offshore companies. Running healthy surplus. Stuck to Budget Responsibility Rules. Tax breaks for research and development. Stopped new offshore oil and gas exploration permits. Supported farmers to improve freshwater quality. Began Mycoplasma bovis eradication. Banned microbeads. Began plastic bag phase-out. Committed to net zero carbon economy by 2050. Boosted funding for predator control. Expanded Oranga Tamariki. Supported victims of domestic violence. Funded veterans' services. Expanded fallen soldiers' repatriation. Got tougher on wheel clamping. Established inquiry into historic state abuse. Negotiated a better, fairer trans-Pacific trade agreement. Launched negotiations for NZ-EU free trade agreement. Moving to legalise medicinal cannabis. Boosted development aid for Pacific.

THE GOVERNMENT'S PRIORITIES FOR NEW ZEALAND



New Zealand Government

1

An economy that is growing and working for all of us



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, supports our regions to grow, and one that makes sure all New Zealanders 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 gap between rich and poor widening, our regions being neglected, and too many people being left behind.

- We will:**
- 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:
- R&D – incentivising business to expand their investment in research and development
 - Trade for All Agenda – backing exporters with modern free trade agreements like the CPTPP, and seeking trade deals with the EU and UK
 - The \$100m Green Investment Fund – supporting investment in smart, low carbon industries
 - Ensuring the Reserve Bank works to keep both inflation and unemployment low
 - Immigration – regional skills lists so regions get the skilled workers they need
 - The Future of Work Tripartite Forum – partnering with business and unions to help workers and workplaces adapt to future challenges

2

Improving the wellbeing of New Zealanders and their families



We want every New Zealander to have access to world-class education and healthcare, live in a home that is healthy and in a community that is safe, and to realise their potential.

For too long New Zealanders have not been able to access the services they deserve. Too many have been forced to live in damp, cold homes – and too many have had their dream of owning their own home dashed.

- We will:**
- A. Ensure everyone who is able to, is earning, learning, caring or volunteering**
- Everyone should have the opportunity to contribute to their community in a way that is meaningful for them. We will do this through:
- 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
 - Fees Free – encouraging young and old to take up post-school education and training
 - Ensuring quality careers advice is available
 - Modernising our school system and strengthening NCEA
 - Introducing a School Leavers Toolkit to prepare students for the workplace

- B. Support healthier, safer and more connected communities**
- We are building a New Zealand where people feel healthy, safe and happy in their homes and communities. That means we will provide better access to affordable, quality healthcare, and better health outcomes for everyone. It means reducing crime, especially re-offending so there are fewer victims of crime.
- We are providing access to affordable, quality healthcare by:
- Reducing GP fees
 - Providing free doctors' visits for under 14s
 - Overhauling mental health services informed by our Mental Health Inquiry
 - Putting nurses and mental health workers in schools
 - Improving access to medicinal cannabis
- We will support safer communities by:
- Investing in crime prevention and rehabilitation
 - Adding 1800 more police
 - Tackling organised crime
 - Reducing family and sexual violence

- C. Ensure everyone has a warm, dry home**
- Every New Zealander should have a safe, warm, dry home to call their own – even if they're renting. Our priorities are:
- Building 6400 more public houses
 - Building 100,000 affordable homes for first home buyers through KiwiBuild
 - Removing letting fees and strengthening the rights of renters
 - Ensuring landlords provide adequate insulation, heating and ventilation through the Healthy Homes Guarantee
 - Ending homelessness by boosting Housing First and other programmes

- D. Make New Zealand the best place in the world to be a child**
- This Government is committed to lifting tens of thousands of children out of poverty. Our priorities include passing into law the Child Poverty Reduction Bill so governments can be measured by their progress in reducing poverty.



3

Making New Zealand proud



It is time for a new kind of government that builds an even better New Zealand we can all be proud of, through modern compassionate leadership that recognises the value of every New Zealander and backs all our people.

- We will:**
- A. Deliver open, transformative and compassionate government**
- You will see our enduring Kiwi values of fairness, equality and openness reflected by this Government. We are not afraid to do what is right, and we will make sure New Zealanders know exactly what we are doing and why we are doing it, every step of the way. We also want to address issues of the past: through things like an inquiry into the historical abuse of children in state care, and re-entry into the Pike River drift.
- B. Build closer partnerships with Māori**
- Our first trip to Waitangi made it clear we want to build a new, enduring relationship between Māori and the Government. That means listening, working together, and committing to improve services and outcomes for tangata whenua through:
- Working to settle all historical Treaty claims by 2020
 - Building new partnerships with Māori for the future
 - Upholding Treaty Settlement commitments
 - Improving how the public sector responds to Māori issues

- C. Value who we are as a country**
- Our stories and history are unique, and it is right that we celebrate them. Our priorities are ensuring there is more quality local broadcast content – about New Zealanders, made by New Zealanders, marking 125 years of universal suffrage, and 250 years of contact between Māori and Europeans, and securing the future of te reo Māori.

- D. Create an international reputation we can be proud of**
- As New Zealanders, we have a lot to be proud of, whether that be establishing the world's first universal healthcare system, or our nuclear-free policy. This Government will continue our tradition of standing up on the world stage and upholding our special values. Our priorities are:
- The Paris Accord climate change work programme
 - Hosting APEC in 2021
 - Rebuilding our role in the Pacific through the Pacific Reset
 - Supporting international disarmament efforts

