



Coalition Government's Q4 Action Plan for New Zealand

1 October - 31 December 2024

Rebuild the economy and ease the cost of living

1. Pass the Fast-track Approvals Bill to speed up delivery of regional and national projects of significance.
2. Pass the first Resource Management Amendment Bill to reduce the regulatory burden on farmers and the primary sector.
3. Introduce the government's second RMA reform Bill to Parliament to cut through the tangle of red and green tape holding back growth in the infrastructure, energy, housing, and farming sectors.
4. Establish the National Infrastructure Agency.
5. Take Cabinet decisions on funding and financing tools to get more housing built.
6. Introduce legislation to make it easier to build offshore wind farms.
7. Take Cabinet decisions on allowing greater use of road tolling to support the delivery of transport infrastructure.
8. Take Cabinet decisions on measures to get local councils back to basics.
9. Finalise the development of farm-level emissions measurement methodology.
10. Announce policy direction to limit farm conversions to forestry on high-quality land to protect food production.
11. Pass legislation to complete the removal of agriculture from the Emissions Trading Scheme.
12. Take Cabinet decisions to streamline regulations around food safety export exemptions.
13. Pass legislation to reverse the ban on oil and gas exploration.
14. Release a discussion document on the Regulatory Standards Bill.
15. Initiate a third regulatory sector review to identify and remove unnecessary red tape.
16. Pass legislation extending deadlines for earthquake prone buildings to enable a review of the current settings.
17. Pass the Contracts of Insurance Bill to better protect Kiwis in the event of a disaster.
18. Take Cabinet decisions on the future of the greyhound racing industry.
19. Introduce legislation to ensure the financial sustainability of the racing industry.
20. Publish the final second emissions reduction plan to deliver the first two emissions budgets.
21. Take Cabinet decisions on opportunities to partner with the private sector to plant trees, including natives, on Crown land (excluding National Parks) that has low conservation or agricultural value.
22. Pass legislation to allow lotteries for non-commercial purposes to operate online, cutting red tape to make fundraising more effective.
23. Take final design decisions on the primary legislation for an online casino gambling regulator.
24. Introduce legislation to remove the GE ban and enable the safe use of gene technology in agriculture, health science and other sectors

Restore law and order

25. Introduce legislation to support Government agencies to combat foreign interference in New Zealand.
26. Introduce legislation to address stalking.
27. Introduce legislation to enable stronger consequences for serious youth offending.
28. Publish the second action plan on family and sexual violence.
29. Introduce legislation to tighten registration requirements for child sex offenders.

Deliver better public services

30. Begin delivery of new cancer treatments.
31. Begin phased rollout of expansion of free breast cancer screening for women to age 74.
32. Release first quarterly health target data for cancer treatment, immunisation, emergency departments, specialist assessments, and elective treatment.
33. Introduce legislation to update and modernise the Mental Health Act.
34. Launch an updated Smokefree Action Plan to continue progress towards the Smokefree 2025 goal.
35. Pass legislation to tighten controls on youth vaping, including a ban on disposable devices.
36. Begin trial of phonics checks in English and te reo Māori for students in their first two years of school.
37. Release final curriculum for English, maths, Te Reo Rangatira, and Pāngarau for use in primary schools in 2025.
38. Release a Māori Education Action Plan focussed on lifting the achievement of Māori students.
39. Commence a review of the funding formula for independent schools.
40. Negotiate contracts with, and announce, the first charter schools.
41. Introduce legislation to expand the Traffic Light System to include additional consequences for beneficiaries who do not meet their obligations.
42. Provide 10,000 jobseeker beneficiaries with an over-the-phone case manager to help them move from welfare into work.
43. Open applications for the contaminated sites and vulnerable landfills fund to support local authorities to remediate contaminated sites.