

FEEDBACK. National's Bluegreen Vision for New Zealand

The National Caucus wants your feedback on these policy proposals and would welcome your submission. Please send your comments to Hon Dr Nick Smith, Parliament Buildings, Wellington; environment@national.org.nz; or visit www.national.org.nz for an online version.

	Agree	Disagree
To assist your submission you may respond on this form, but you should feel free to comment more broadly if you wish.		
1. VISION AND GOALS		
Clean air, clean water and well-managed resources ought to be achievable throughout New Zealand within one generation.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENERGY		
Greenhouse gas emissions need to be constrained and forestry encouraged by introducing a tradable emission permit system that initially applies to the electricity sector.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. NATURE CONSERVATION		
a. There should be increased financial support for community conservation projects that restore habitat and help protect native flora and fauna.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. New national parks should be established in Northland's Kauri forests and the Waitakere Ranges.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. HEALTHY AIR		
a. Tighter vehicle emissions standards should be introduced, and in high pollution areas, testing introduced to ensure compliance.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Government should assist households in polluted areas convert to clean heating.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. SOILS AND EROSION		
It is better to prevent erosion by encouraging planting and discouraging unwise development than having to spend millions in the aftermath of flood events.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. WATER ALLOCATION		
An environmental and economically sound framework for transferable water permits needs to be developed to encourage more efficient water use.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. WATER QUALITY		
Education, incentives and regulation will be necessary to ensure rivers, lakes and streams are swimmable, fishable and in good ecological health and that groundwaters are drinkable.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. SUSTAINABILITY INVESTMENT FUND		
A \$1 Billion Sustainability Investment Fund should be established to help achieve national environment goals.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. FORESTRY		
New Zealand should take steps to ensure imported wood products meet standards for sustainable forest management.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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10. BIOSECURITY		
Visitors who deliberately breach New Zealand's biosecurity laws should be immediately deported, and instant fines for all breaches should be increased.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. OUTDOOR RECREATION		
a. Hunter-managed recreational hunting areas should be established.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Rights and roles of recreational fishers need to be strengthened.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. OCEANS		
a. The process for establishing marine reserves needs to be streamlined and stakeholders given a greater role in deciding where reserves are created.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. A new statutory process for regulating environmental efforts beyond 22km territorial sea should be introduced.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13. URBAN GROWTH		
Fully costed infrastructure levies should be introduced as an alternative to metropolitan urban limits.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14. NOISE		
New Zealand's vehicle noise standards should be toughened in line with Australia and Europe and properly enforced.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15. SOLID WASTE		
a. All landfills should operate on a user-pays basis and incentives provided for recycling.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Standardised national recycling bins and a re-energised Clean Up New Zealand Day	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16. RESOURCE MANAGEMENT		
a. Large complex cases should be directly referred to the Environment Court.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Environment Court decisions should not be able to be overturned by Ministers.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Public Works Act compensation should be enhanced.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17. ADMINISTERING THE ENVIRONMENT		
a. A New Zealand Environment Protection Agency should be established, to perform national regulatory tasks for the environment.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. The Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment should independently report on progress towards national environmental goals and milestones.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>