



NELSON TASMAN CLIMATE FORUM CHARTER

Toitū te marae a Tane-Mahuta, Toitū te marae a Tangaroa, Toitū te tangata
If the land is well and the sea is well, the people will thrive

Acknowledgement

We acknowledge the kaitiaki status of Ngāti Kuia, Rangitāne o Wairau, Ngāti Apa ki te Ra Tō (Kurahaupo waka), Ngāti Kōata, Ngāti Rārua, Ngāti Toa Rangatira (Tainui waka), Ngāti Tama ki Te Waipounamu, Te Āti Awa o Te Waka a Māui (Tokomaru waka) and (Te Runanga o Ngai Tahu) rohe of Ngāti Waewae and Ngāti Kuri o Kaikoura as Manawhenua, tangata whenua of this rohe. We recognize their continuous relationship to the land and pay our respects to tūpuna and kaumātua, both past, present and future.

Purpose statement

The Forum's purpose is to weave our communities together around urgent, strategic action on climate change.

Together, the Forum enables and supports expanded and accelerated action in our region to confront climate change, through the connection and alignment of people across and within communities and organisations.

Commitment

Recognising that:

- Human-induced climate change represents one of the greatest threats to the living world that sustains us and, by extension, to future human generations globally, in Aotearoa and in this region, through its impact on the life-supporting capacity of the natural environment, specifically air, water, soil, and ecosystems;
- If societies take urgent, informed, sustained and collaborative climate action, we can decrease and manage the adverse impacts of climate change; and
- Most responses to climate change also generate positive outcomes for environmental well-being and human communities.

We, the members of the Forum, commit to working towards the goals outlined below for the Nelson and Tasman communities through:

- Inclusion and respect, particularly through acknowledging, respecting and working with nga lwi tangata whenua;
- Acting promptly, purposefully and responsibly, together and individually; and
- Participating in good faith in the Forum.

Goals

The Forum aims to enable, empower and support Nelson-Tasman communities to achieve the following Goals:

1. Rapidly reduce our region's greenhouse gas emissions, increase carbon sequestration and undertake other climate stabilising initiatives, consistent with the urgency of the situation.
2. Adapt to the likely adverse environmental effects of climate change and the resulting social and cultural effects, using inclusive and responsible decision-making to support these desirable outcomes.
3. Respond to climate change in a way that recognises the rights of all living organisms, including people, and provides for a just, equitable and resilient society.

Nature of the Forum

The function of the Forum will be to bring together diverse views and interests to align and proactively lead community responses to climate change. It is a collective of organisations and individuals. It is not a legal entity and has no delegated authority to make decisions that bind its members to any specific action, including funding. Members participate in accordance with legal requirements that apply to them.

The Forum endeavors to work by consensus.

The Forum maintains a Nelson Tasman Strategic Climate Action Plan and facilitates its implementation. It will review and update the plan when required to respond to new information and changing circumstances.

Membership of the Forum

Membership of the Forum is available to individual people and organisations.

Members have endorsed the Charter and committed to act in good faith to support its goals. They also agree to work within the Operating Procedures developed and adopted by the Forum.

Regardless of the involvement of tangata whenua as Members under this Charter, the Forum will continue to engage with and work alongside tangata whenua as kaitiaki of the rohe and as partners under Te Tiriti o Waitangi.