

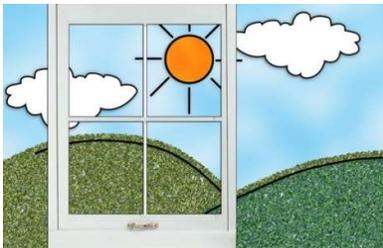
What is climate change?



This Easy Read document is about looking at the ways the Government can deal with **climate change** in a way that is:



- fair to everyone
- includes everyone.



Climate change is about changes that are seen in the weather that last a long time.



Climate change can affect the **temperature** of all countries around the world.





Climate change means:

- some countries may get too hot
- some countries may get too cold.



Climate change can also affect:

- how windy a place gets
- how much rain a place gets
- the seasons like how hot it gets in summer.



Climate change is also sometimes called **global warming**.



Global warming means that temperatures all around the world have got much higher over the last 2 hundred years.



Big changes to the temperatures around the world could make it harder for everyone to live good lives.



The Government is looking at ways to make sure Aotearoa New Zealand is not making climate change worse.



1 of the things that makes climate change worse is **emissions**.



Emissions are when dangerous **gases** called **greenhouse gases** get into the air all around the Earth.



Gases are all around in the air.



Greenhouse gases make climate change worse by:

- trapping the heat that comes from the sun
- making the Earth hotter than it should be.



1 way of making sure a country does not make climate change worse is to move towards a **low emissions future**.



A **low emissions future** means that a country:

- stops using **fossil fuels** for energy / power
- starts using **energy sources** that make low emissions.





Fossil fuels are energy sources that are dug out of the Earth like:

- coal
- natural gas
- petrol.

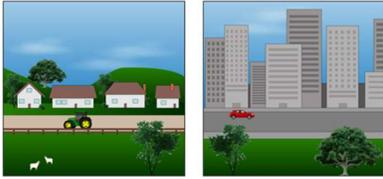


Energy sources are things we can use for power / to make things work.

Energy sources that have low emissions include things like:

- **solar power** that is energy that comes from the sun
- **hydro power** that is energy that comes from water
- **wind power** that is energy that comes from wind.

The Equitable Transitions Strategy



Moving to a low emissions future means there will be changes to:

- how we live
- where we live
- what we do for work
- how we get around.



These changes will mean:

- good things happen like there may be more jobs
- hard things happen like people might find it difficult to get around in the ways they are used to.





Some people / communities will be more affected by the changes than others.



The Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment and the Ministry of Social Development are putting together a document called the **Equitable Transitions Strategy**.



The **Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment** is also called **MBIE** for short.



The Ministry of Social Development is also called **MSD** for short.



An **equitable transition** means a way of moving towards a low emissions future that is:

- fair to everyone
- includes everyone.

A **strategy** is a way of doing / planning something.

MBIE and MSD want to know how you think the changes to become a low emissions country will affect you.



MBIE and MSD want to know what you think so they can make sure that:

- the things the Government decides to do are good for everyone
- people get the support they need when the changes happen.



It is important for MBIE and MSD to know the views of disabled people to make sure that the changes do not affect them in a bad way.



Tell us your views about the changes



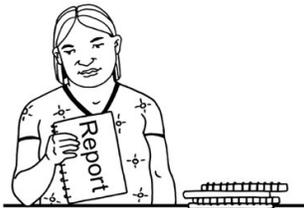
MBIE and MSD want to know your views to make sure the changes are:

- fair to everybody
- include everybody.



They will use your views when:

- putting together the Equitable Transitions Strategy document
- doing things that get us ready for moving to a low emissions future.





A draft Equitable Transitions Strategy document will be ready in June 2023.



The final Equitable Transitions Strategy document will be ready in June 2024.



MBIE and MSD want to know about any:

- concerns / worries you have about the changes
- ideas you have to make the changes good for everybody.



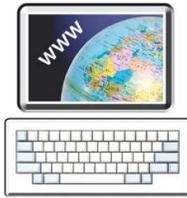
They have put together a **survey** where you can tell them what you think about the changes.



A **survey** is when you are asked some questions to find out what you think.



You can find the survey online at the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment **website** at:



<https://bit.ly/3VbWDWe>



The survey is **not** in Easy Read.



You can ask someone to support you to fill in this survey like a:

- member of your family / whānau
- friend
- support person.





You can answer the survey in:

- English
- te reo Māori.



If you would like to tell MBIE and MSD what you think in a different language you can **email** them at:

EquitableTransitionsStrategy@mbie.govt.nz



You need to tell MBIE and MSD what you think by **April 2023**.



MBIE will also run workshops / meetings in early 2023 so they can hear from more people.

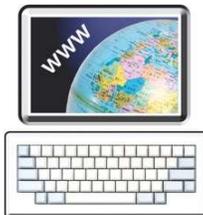


These workshops will be held:

- in person so people can meet up
- online using a chat program like Zoom.



You can find more information about the workshops on the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment **website** at:



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