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# Reduced net greenhouse gas emissions

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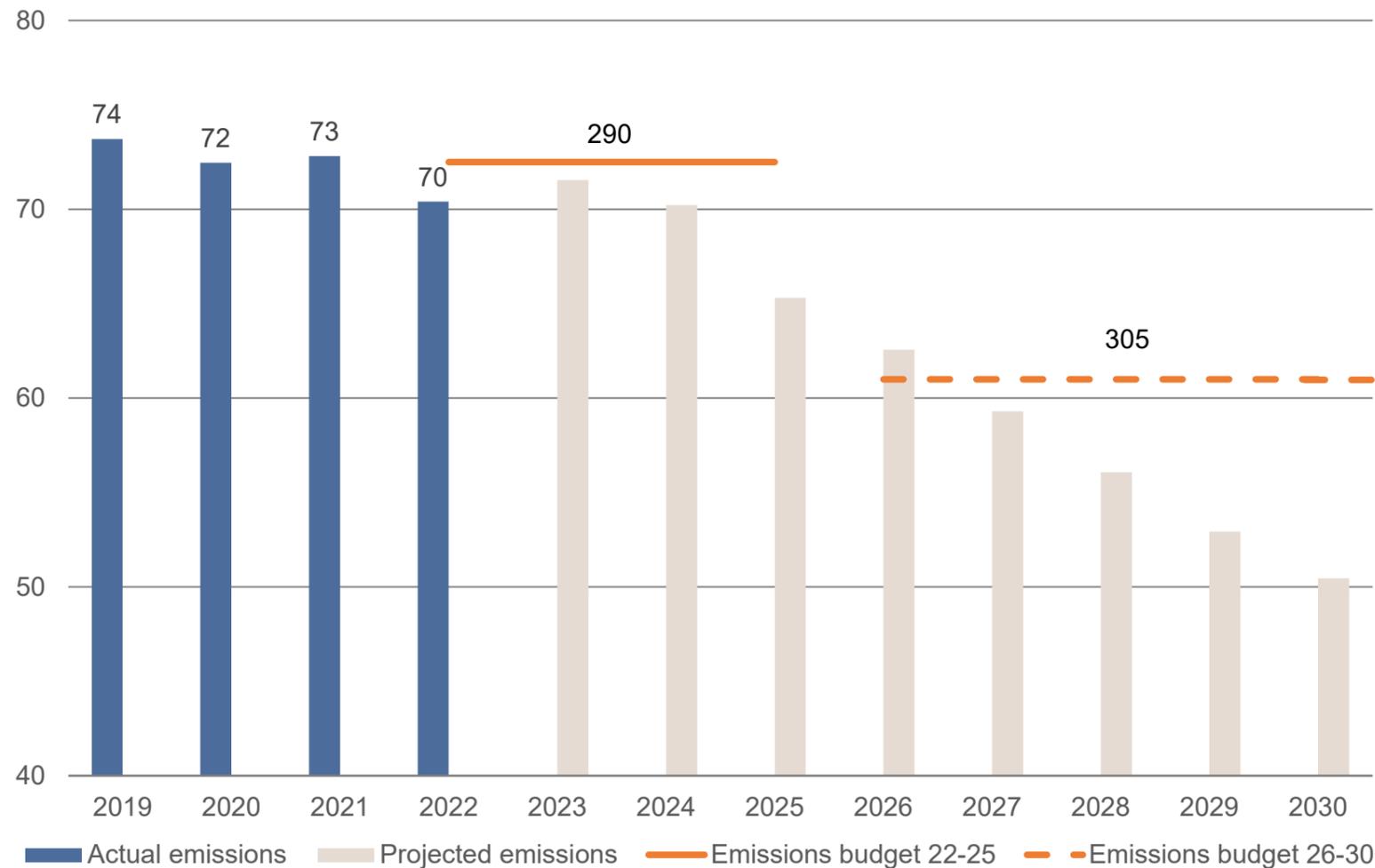
**LEAD AGENCY**

**Ministry for the Environment**, Secretary for the Environment, James Palmer

## WHAT IS THE TARGET?

**On track to meet New Zealand’s 2050 net zero climate change targets with total net emissions of no more than 290 megatonnes from 2022 to 2025 and 305 megatonnes from 2026 to 2030.**

**New Zealand emissions, megatonnes**



## WHY IS IT NEEDED AND WHAT WILL BE DIFFERENT?

Reaching our targets will help keep climate change in check and make New Zealand stronger and better able to withstand whatever challenges comes our way.

**Climate change is already increasing the severity and frequency of damaging natural events in Aotearoa New Zealand, such as flooding, fires and landslips.**

We will take bold steps to reduce emissions, which will ensure New Zealanders can continue enjoying a way of life, and an economy, that protects what matters to us – our people, homes, communities, industries, and environment.

New Zealand will achieve net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050. That means by 2050, our climate pollution is balanced by removing greenhouse gases from the atmosphere, for example, through growing trees.

New Zealand’s future can include clean energy to fuel transport, low-carbon manufacturing providing high-paid jobs and low-emissions agriculture driven by technology. These improvements could not only cement our competitive advantage over time, but also support our efforts to protect and improve our environment.

## HOW WILL WE KEEP TRACK?

**The Government has a range of data sources about New Zealand’s emissions.**

The Greenhouse Gas Inventory, published in April every year, is the official annual report of all human-induced emissions and removals through forestry in New Zealand.

We complement this by also publishing annual greenhouse gas emission projections data in the second half of the year, and using Stats NZ’s quarterly Greenhouse Gas emissions data, which is linked to economic activities. Greenhouse Gas Inventories are submitted annually to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, and projections are submitted biennially.

The Ministry for the Environment is also investigating other complementary ways to track progress towards our targets. Later this year, **the Ministry plans to release an emissions dashboard** to show how we are tracking towards our targets.

## HOW TO FIND OUT MORE

For more information go to [www.environment.govt.nz](http://www.environment.govt.nz)

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