

# Reduced net greenhouse gas emissions

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.

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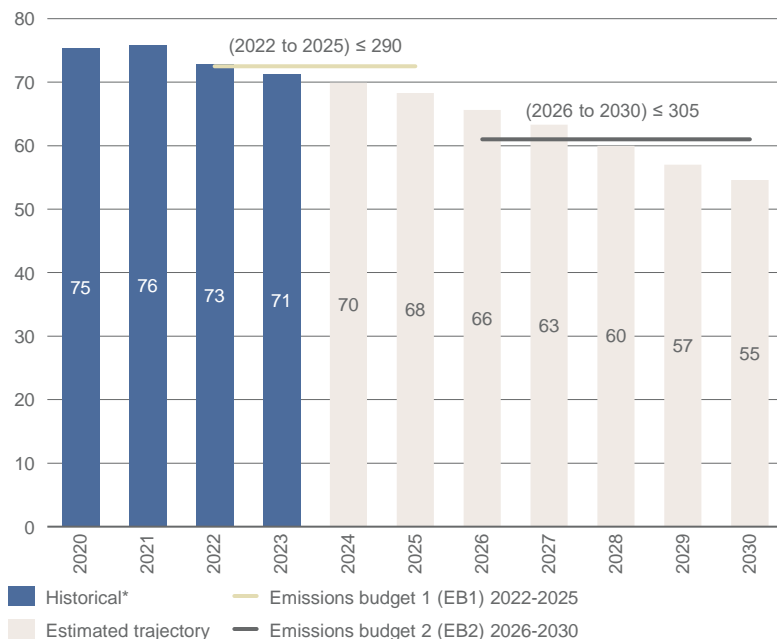
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## TARGET DELIVERY PERFORMANCE - QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 2025

Target	Previous Projection	Current Projection	Status
EB1 ≤ 290 Mt	284.1 Mt	282.2 Mt	On Track
EB2 ≤ 305 Mt	303.1 Mt	300.5 Mt	On Track

## PROGRESS TOWARDS TARGET

New Zealand Net Emissions, megatonnes  
(includes projected impact of ERP2 policies)



\* Inventory and adjusted baseline

Source: MfE projections as published 12 October 2025

## TARGET DELIVERY ACTIONS

**The Target remains 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 (EB1) and 305 megatonnes from 2026 to 2030 (EB2).

Annual 2025 projections have recently been finalised and emissions are now projected to be 7.8 Mt under EB1 and 4.5 Mt under EB2. This provides a greater buffer compared to 2024 projections – an increase of 1.9 Mt for EB1 and 2.5 Mt for EB2.

Emissions Reduction Plan (ERP) 1 and EB1 will conclude at the end of 2025. ERP2 and EB2 will commence in 2026, with nearly all ERP2 sector policies and actions under development or already being implemented.

**Notable developments for the quarter ending September on implementing ERP2 actions include:**

- The Resource Management (Consenting and Other System Changes) Bill passed into law in August 2025, making it easier to consent new infrastructure and encouraging investment in renewable energy generation projections.
- Introduction of targeted changes to the Climate Change Response Act in November 2025. These will recognise non-forestry carbon removal and strengthen ETS governance.
- Applications for concessionary loans to expand public EV charging infrastructure has closed. Agreements are expected to be finalised by the end of 2025, supporting New Zealand's transition to cleaner transport.
- The Government and industry are investing to advance agricultural technology that reduces on-farm emissions, as outlined in the Government's Accelerating New Greenhouse Gas Mitigations report released October 2025.
- The Government has recently consulted on a formal amendment to ERP2, reflecting a revised approach to reducing agricultural emissions, following the decision not to proceed with an on-farm emissions pricing system by 2030.

## HOW TO FIND OUT MORE

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