

Reduced net greenhouse gas emissions

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Hon Simon Watts, Minister of Climate Change

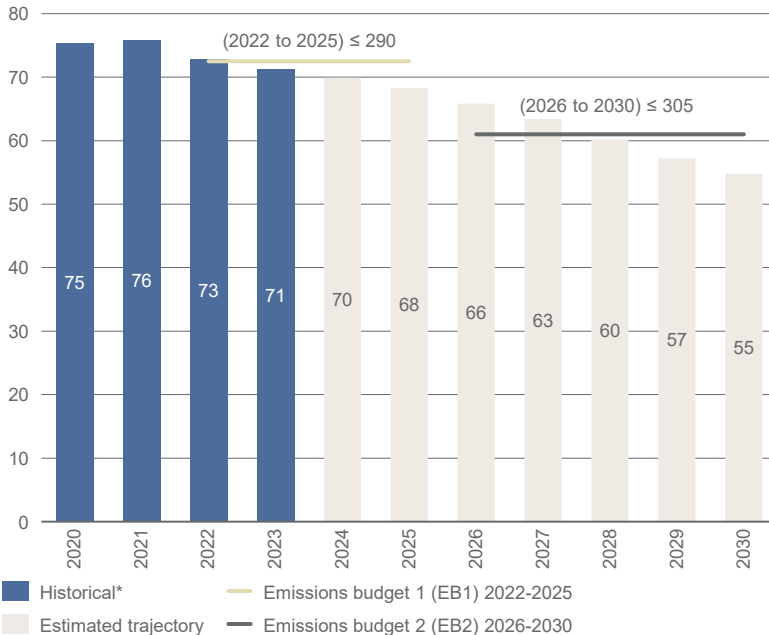
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TARGET DELIVERY PERFORMANCE - QUARTER ENDING MARCH 2026

Target	2024 Projection	2025 Projection	Status
EB1 ≤ 290 Mt	284.1 Mt	282.3 Mt	■ On Track
EB2 ≤ 305 Mt	303.1 Mt	301.4 Mt	■ On Track

PROGRESS TOWARDS TARGET

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



*Inventory and adjusted baseline

Source: MfE projections corrected in January 2026

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 (Mt) from 2022 to 2025 (EB1) and 305 Mt from 2026 to 2030 (EB2).

Emissions Reduction Plan (ERP) 1 and EB1 concluded at the end of 2025. ERP2 and EB2 commenced on 1 January 2026. Any surplus reductions from EB1 could be counted towards meeting EB2, however, decisions on this matter will not be made until 2028.

Notable developments for this quarter on implementing ERP2 actions include:

- The Government has removed consenting barriers to building electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure, making it faster and easier, with changes effective from 7 May 2026. This complements the \$52.7 million in zero-interest loans which will see more than 2,500 additional public EV charging stations.
- The Government and industry are investing to advance agricultural technologies that reduce on-farm emissions. Three mitigation tools are now available for use (Urease inhibitors, low methane sheep genetics and Ecopond - a new effluent treatment pond system) as outlined in the biannual *Accelerating New Greenhouse Gas Mitigations* report by AgriZeroNZ, found on the MPI website.
- Cabinet consideration of the Climate Change Response Act Amendment Bill is expected mid 2026, with introduction to the House before the end of the Parliamentary term. This includes making changes needed to progress new policy for the National Adaptation Framework and market governance of the New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme.
- The National Policy Statements on Renewable Electricity Generation and Electricity Networks, which came into force in early 2026, provide guidance for how renewable energy development and electricity transmission is managed by councils under the resource management system.

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