

Reduced net greenhouse gas emissions

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LEAD MINISTER

Hon Simon Watts, Minister of Climate Change

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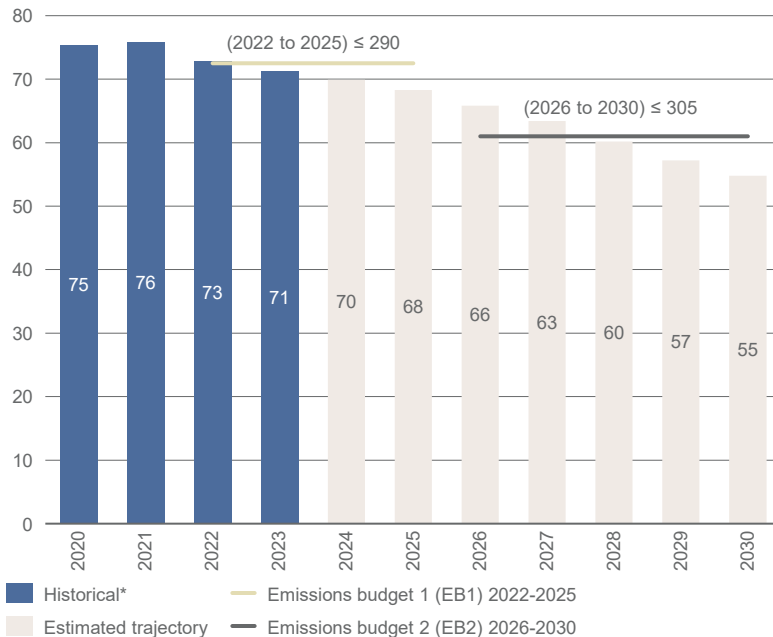
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TARGET DELIVERY PERFORMANCE - QUARTER ENDING JUNE 2026

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. An update to greenhouse gas projections for EB1 and EB2 will be available at the end of 2026. Final emissions figures for EB1 will be confirmed in 2027, when the Greenhouse Gas Inventory is released for the budget period.

The Climate Change Response Act Amendment Bill was introduced to the house on 15 July 2026. The bill includes changes needed to strengthen market governance of the New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme and to progress new policy for the National Adaptation Framework to help New Zealand manage growing climate risk.

Notable developments for this quarter on implementing ERP2 actions include:

- The Government and Industry are scaling up investment in agricultural emissions mitigation technology through the Early Adoption Accelerator, which will invest up to \$100 million (\$51 million of Crown funding) in projects to accelerate adoption.
- Waste Minimisation Fund projects are making good progress towards targets since ERP2 came into force in January 2026. Projected progress represents 46% of the anticipated emissions reduction (total projected abatement from this policy is 1Mt CO₂-e.). Since July 2025, 13 projects that contribute to diverting organic materials from landfill have received funding.
- Installation of Electric Vehicles charging stations points expanded rapidly over the quarter, increasing from 1,816 (February 2026) to 2,197 (May 2026).

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