

A Bluegreen Vision for New Zealand

National's proposals for protecting our environment.

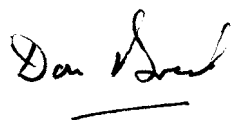


New Zealand's environment is at the core of our quality of life, our national identity and our competitive advantage, yet it is not being well managed. New leadership and direction are needed.

The National Party is determined to sustainably develop New Zealand so as to deliver both a strong economy and high environmental standards.

We have produced a substantive environment discussion paper containing our vision for tackling New Zealand's environment issues. I encourage you to download this document from our website or get a copy from your local National MP so you can read the full range of our proposals.

National welcomes your feedback on these bold ideas as we put together a forward looking plan for New Zealand.

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Don Brash
NATIONAL PARTY LEADER

THE PROBLEMS

- NZ's Greenhouse Gas emissions are soaring, increasing three times faster than Australia and four times faster than the US.
- 229 new pests and weeds have breached our borders in the last five years.
- NZ's exotic forest estate in 2005 shrank for the first time in decades.
- 970 New Zealanders die each year from the effects of air pollution.
- Many lakes, rivers and streams are deteriorating from pollution and excessive extraction.
- Government is still allowing clear-felling of native forests as pictured below in an area near Fiordland.



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A \$1 billion Sustainability Investment Fund underpins these ideas to help achieve clean air, clean water and the protection of our flora and fauna.

OUR PROPOSALS

Climate Change

Emissions from electricity generation should be capped and any new emissions must be offset by forest planting.

Water

National standards and a transferable water permit system are needed to ensure our rivers, lakes and streams are swimmable and fishable.

Waste

A national system for coloured recycling bins, and financial incentives to reduce waste are needed to encourage recycling.

Forestry

Unsustainable forestry should be stopped and imported wood should only come from sustainably managed forests.

New National Parks

A new Kauri National Park in Northland, including Tane Mahuta, and a Waitakere National Park in Auckland should be established.

Healthy Air

Car emissions standards should be tightened and financial assistance provided to help households switch to clean heating.

Outdoor Recreation

Hunters and fishers should have more say in managing their recreation and 25 new campgrounds should be established on public land.

Nature Conservation

Backing community conservation efforts like the Karori Wildlife Sanctuary will help us save New Zealand's unique native species.

Biosecurity

Visitors who deliberately breach our biosecurity laws should face immediate deportation and the instant fines increased for illegally importing meat, fruit, seeds and dairy products.

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT

NATIONAL'S ENVIRONMENT DISCUSSION PAPER

You can view or download a full version of *A Bluegreen Vision for New Zealand* on the web or request a copy from your local National Party Electorate Office.

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