

GreenNews

News from the Green Party Autumn 2016

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We're committed to protecting the environment we love and providing a better life for all who live in our beautiful country.

We believe Aotearoa New Zealand can do politics differently. Real change starts at the grass roots. We are committed to standing alongside New Zealanders who are working to build a better future for our country.

In 2015, thousands of Kiwis joined us as we campaigned for real action on climate pollution. Together we took to the streets, demanding the Government adopt a well considered and ambitious action plan for climate change.

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In Parliament we represented the many children who live in poverty, coming within one vote of passing a Bill that would have ensured every hungry child was given a healthy lunch at school. In 2016, it's clear that our work is more critical than ever. We are ready to roll up our sleeves and we look forward to working with you to achieve real change.

Mā te kotahitanga e whai kaha ai tātou.

James Metiria

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Hayley Holt joined tens of thousands of Kiwis on the People's Climate March in November last year.

➤ **Our message was simple:** the New Zealand we love is worth saving. Thousands more joined the movement by sending petitions, letters and emails, and by attending public meetings calling for a climate plan that New Zealand can be proud of.

“Climate change is a global issue but the solutions are all local.”

HAYLEY HOLT, snowboarder, sports journalist

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JAMES SHAW Green Party Co-leader



A **Shaw** thing

James Shaw is the new Co-leader of the Green Party, replacing Russel Norman. James comes to the Green Party with a background in business; having returned to New Zealand after a successful career overseas advising companies on sustainable business practices.

“The Greens must be economically credible.”

“It’s clear that cleaning up our economy is good for the environment and our economy. There are more good jobs for New Zealanders in clean technology than there are in polluting industries like oil and coal.”

“I want to take us into Government in 2017. The Greens in Government will be brilliant for New Zealand. We have great new ideas to move our country forward and to tackle the big issues like climate change, child poverty and our polluted rivers. We can have a clean environment and a strong economy that works for everyone. That is what I am committed to delivering to New Zealanders.”

Bunny love

Green MP Mojo Mathers celebrated a successful end to the ‘Be Cruelty Free’ campaign in 2015, when **the Green Party convinced the Government to ban the testing of cosmetics on animals** in New Zealand. In opinion polls, more than 89 percent of Kiwis backed the ban, and more than 100,000 people signed #BeCrueltyFree petitions and e-cards.

No other political party is as dedicated to fighting for animal rights as we are.



Green MP Mojo Mathers and Tara Jackson celebrate a successful end to the ‘Be Cruelty Free’ campaign.



Green MP Julie Anne Genter celebrated the Government's U-turn on the Auckland City Rail Link, a project the Green Party has been campaigning on for years.

The Prime Minister's Chief Science Advisor is just one of dozens of scientific experts who agree with Green MP Kevin Hague's call for a levy on fizzy drinks to help curb childhood obesity. It's time to put kids ahead of junk food profits.



State of the Nation



METIRIA TUREI
Green Party
Co-leader



The chance of a child surviving a vehicle impact.



Safe to schools

We're making sure that it's safe for our kids to walk and bike to school.

A few years ago kids didn't sit in the back of a car to get to school. It would be easy to say that it's because children these days have become lazy or because parents are too busy. But that would be wrong. Over the last 30 years, our streets have been designed for high-speed vehicles, not kids on foot or bikes. **Bad design decisions** have cost our children the freedom to walk, bike and scoot to school.

The Green Party will:



Introduce a 30 km/hour speed limit outside all schools in urban areas.



Invest \$200 million to make it safer for children and young people to walk and cycle to school.



"We see a future where all our families can go swimming in New Zealand's rivers and lakes, where our native birds and forests are humming and we have certainty in a great future for our kids."

In Metiria Turei's State of the Nation speech at the beginning of the year, she outlined a better path for New Zealand.

By contrast, National's short-term focus is damaging New Zealand.

Since National came into power

2.123
BILLION MORE
STUDENT DEBT

65,000
MORE CHILDREN
IN POVERTY

11%
INCREASE IN CLIMATE
POLLUTION

50%
OF KIWI WAGES
HAVE FLATLINED

Rivers at risk

The National Government is putting the rivers and lakes we love at risk by setting water standards so low that our waterways only need to be clean enough to wade in.

Under National, nearly two thirds of our rivers are no longer clean enough to swim in, due in part to large scale dairy farming around the country.

Our rivers won't stand a chance while National is focused on increasing the number of cows on the land, rather than adding value to the milk we already produce.



We say our rivers should be clean enough to swim in.



Our clean water campaign saw a major victory earlier this year when the state farming company Landcorp scaled back its plans to put more cows in the Waikato.



The Green Party's advocacy for New Zealand lakes and rivers is some of the most important and successful work we do. **A stronger Green Party means more swimmable rivers.**

62%

of monitored waterways in New Zealand are unsafe for swimming

75%

of fresh water native fish are threatened or at risk

1°

warming every 30 years in our lakes due to climate change

Fresh water woes

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