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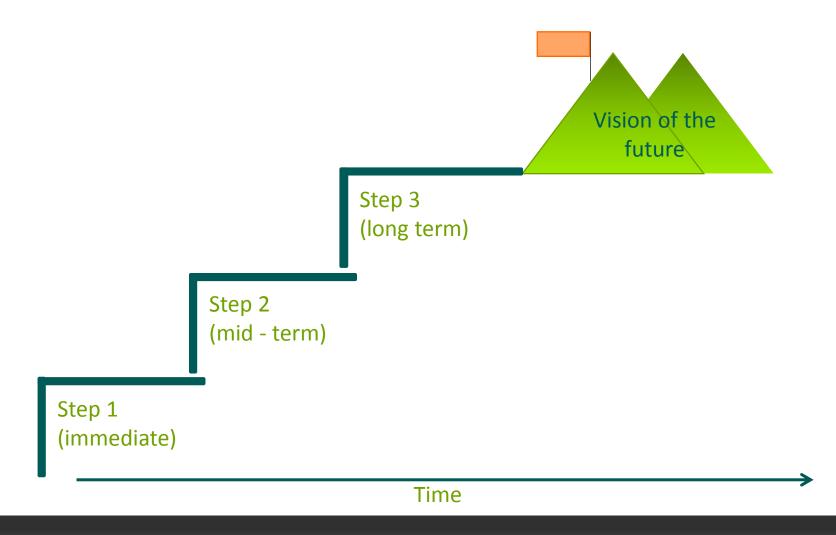
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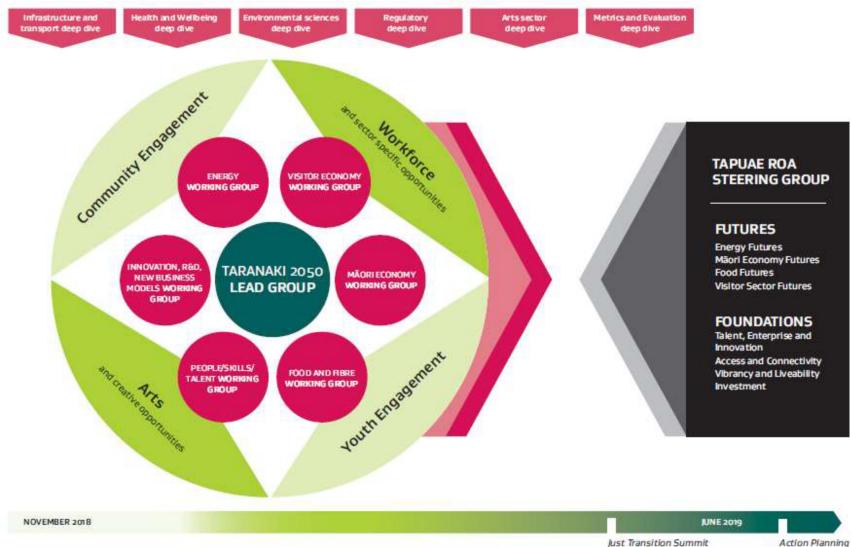
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Taranaki Just Transition Roadmap



TARANAKI 2050 TRANSITION ROADMAP Development Process



Launch draft roadmap



Just Transition Unit National Summit

The Just Transition National Summit provides a platform for a national conversation about what a Just Transition to a low emissions future is and what it will look like for New Zealand.

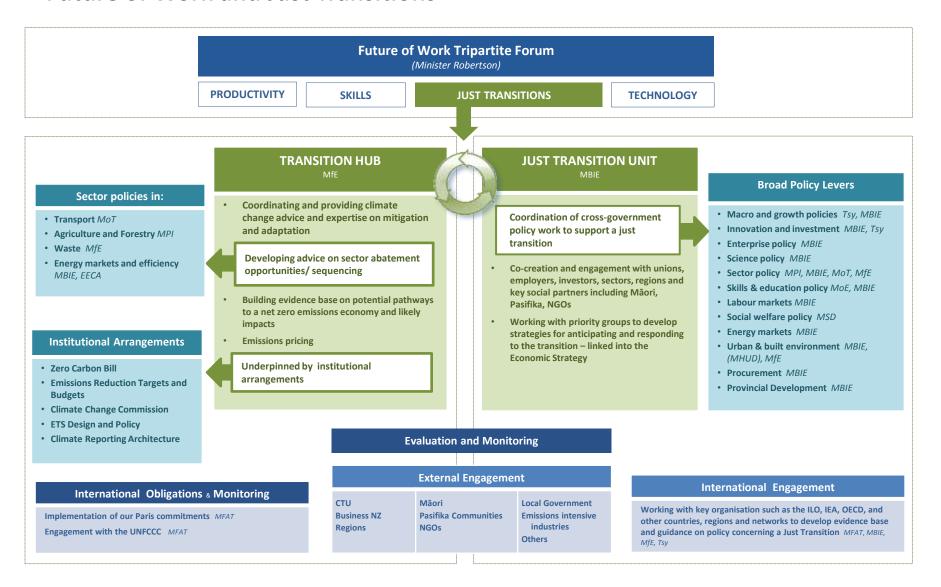
It will also allow participants to engage with local and international speakers and experts in the field.

It is the opportunity for people to play a key role in building what a successful transition looks like for New Zealand and how we best represent a Just Transitions partnership between government, business, workers and iwi.

The National Summit will help guide how we will work together and how we successfully transition New Zealand to a low emission economy with good, high paying jobs.



Future of Work and Just Transitions



The all-of-government framework for climate change policy and decision-making

2020 OUTCOMES

By the end of 2019, New Zealand will:

- (1) Put in place the necessary enduring institutional architecture to enable a just transition to a net-zero emissions economy.
- (2) Demonstrate out commitment to leadership on climate change and promote global action to achieve the Paris Agreement's temperature goal
- (3) Be on track to meeting our first emissions budget under the proposed Zero Carbon Act.

The THREE PILLARS of this frame work are:

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NECESSARY OBJECTIVES

LEADERSHIP AT HOME AND INTERNATIONALLY

A PRODUCTIVE, SUSTAINABLE AND CLIMATE-RESILIENT ECONOMY A JUST AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETY

To promote global action, we will:

- Create an enduring domestic institutional architecture
- Reduce our emissions out to 2050 and beyond
- Hold ourselves and other countries to account to meet international commitments, e.g. Paris Agreement
- Secure a multilateral rules system that delivers action with environmental integrity by all countries
- Stand with the Pacific to support the region's climate action and resilience
- Invest in globally significant research, strategic alliances and capacity-building in developing countries
- Place primary reliance on domestic measures, while retaining options for international cooperation.

To ensure the optimal transition pathway, we will:

- Encourage innovation, diversification and the uptake of new technologies
- Seek to fully understand the costs, benefits, risks and trade-offs of policy levers across the economy, society and environment
- Identify the best-value opportunities to reduce emissions
- Increase our international competitiveness by speeding up the decoupling of emissions from growth
- Drive behaviour change via a range of policy tools, including regulation, education, price-based and support levers
- Proactively adapt to ongoing climate change impacts and invest to build resilience across all hazards and risks.

To ensure a careful transition, we will:

- Consider the optimal speed and pathways for transition
- Take early action where this prevents greater costs in the long run, also recognising the rights and needs of future generations and honouring existing Treaty settlement commitments
- Support the transitional shift to lower emissions and resilient sectors, and recognise and mitigate impacts on workers, regions, iwi/Māori rights and interests and wider communities
- Support those affected by climate impacts to adjust
- Ensure information about climate change and its impacts is robust and accessible to aid decision-making.

Source: MfE

As agreed by Cabinet (March/April 2018)

