

Greater Wellington is committed to climate action

We're the region's environmental protection agency – we're here to work with our communities, mana whenua and other partners to adapt to the changing climate and keep our region sustainable for generations to come.

We have declared a climate emergency and set a goal to be carbon neutral as an organisation by 2030.

Actions we're taking

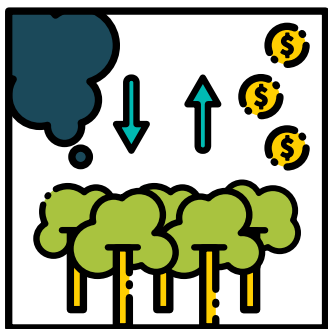
- **The Climate Committee:** We have established a new Council committee for this triennium, the Climate Committee, to put climate action front and centre of Greater Wellington's governance and activities. The purpose of the Committee is to oversee and inform the development and review of Council's strategies, policies, plans, programmes and initiatives from a climate change perspective.
- **Our current work:** We're already taking climate action through much of our current work, for example:
 - Flood protection
 - Investing in electric buses (decarbonising public transport)
 - Protecting wetlands
 - Restoring the biodiversity of our regional parks to build their resilience to climate impacts such as coastal erosion, fire and storms
 - Partnering with the city and district councils around the Region by providing technical support such as climate science and natural hazards expertise.

The role of the committee is to scale up this work in order to benefit the climate.

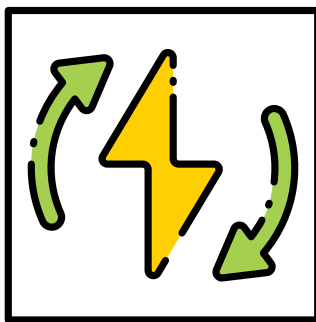
- **Transitioning to a low-emissions economy:** COVID-19 and the economic recovery provides GW an unprecedented opportunity to partner with others to support an effective and fair, climate safe response that smooths the transition to a low emissions, resilient region.
- **Electric buses:** We are ramping up plans to increase the number of electric buses in the public transport fleet to 108 vehicles by December 2023. Planning for a fully decarbonised bus fleet by 2030 is underway.
- **Greenhouse gases:** In conjunction with the district councils of the region, we have just published a new regional greenhouse gas inventory for the period 2001-2019. This is key to understanding what the key sources of emissions are for the region and therefore where we need to place our efforts to transition towards a low carbon economy.
- **Carbon footprint:** We are in the process of updating our carbon footprint which will help us manage our own emissions and get our own house in order. We're working on ways to accelerate our transition to a low carbon organisation by funding projects that reduce our corporate carbon footprint. Our use of carbon credits will ultimately reduce the rates impact on our community.

Climate action over the next ten years

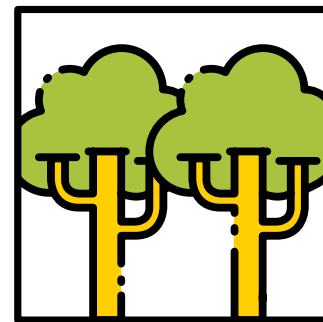
This map shows our region once we have implemented our ten year action plans.



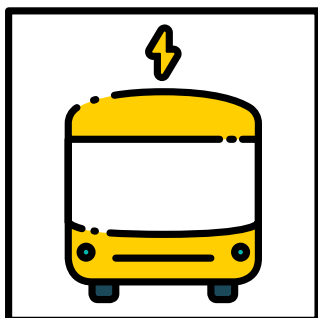
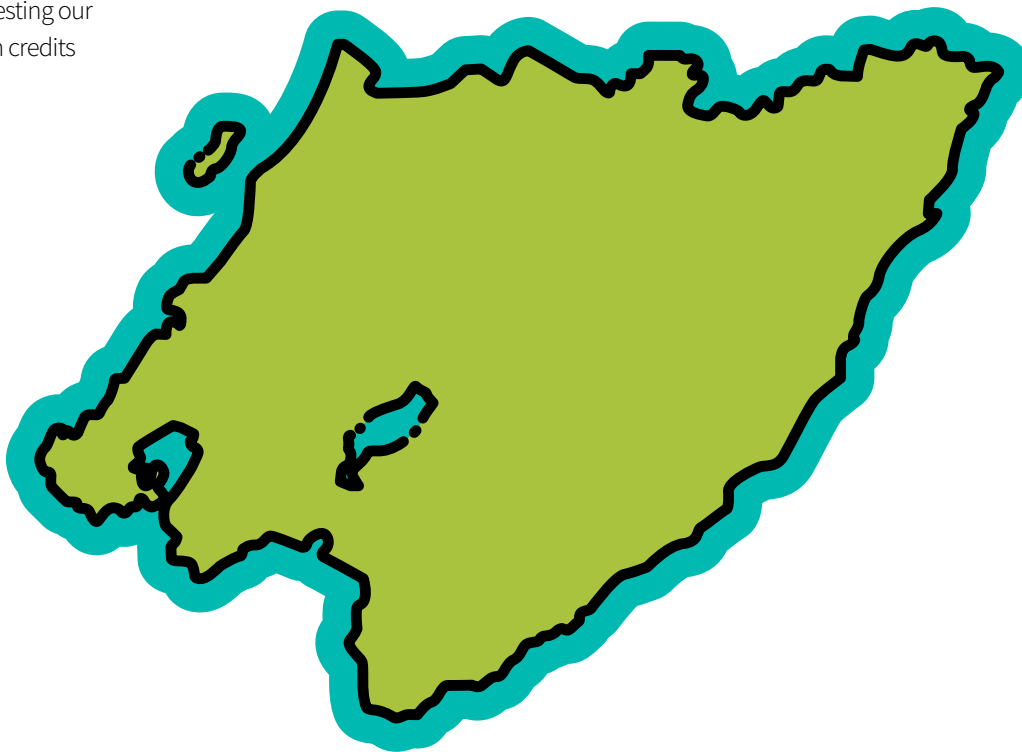
We're making good strides towards a low-emissions economy. We've reduced the rates impact of our climate action work by cutting our own emissions and reforesting our parks to earn carbon credits



Greater Wellington operations will be supplied by renewable energy.



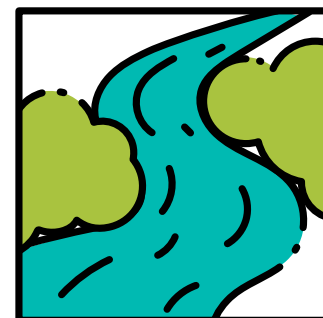
We are restoring the diversity of native habitats in our regional parks.



Our region will have an electric bus fleet.



The community has been involved in achieving climate benefits for the Greater Wellington region.



Our waterways and wetlands are healthy and thriving. Areas near rivers and streams are protected from flooding.