

# The important role of business in reducing Lower Hutt's emissions

## Te Ara Whakamua o Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai Lower Hutt Climate Action Pathway

### Where we are heading

#### Reducing Lower Hutt's emissions – businesses have a part to play

There are over 10,000 businesses across Lower Hutt. Collectively we must work together to accelerate our efforts to help halve direct emissions by 2030 and reach net zero by 2050. Lower Hutt's main source of greenhouse gas emissions are transport, stationary energy and waste. A significant share of these are associated with businesses that run vehicles, operate office buildings, or create waste while making products.

2022-2024

#### Act now and connect what's underway

Businesses are clear about where we are going and what we need to do to get there. We acknowledge the climate crisis, we measure our emissions, and we take responsibility for our contribution. We feel like local and central government is supporting us in our journey.

2025-2029

#### Accelerate Action

Businesses will continue to challenge the status quo, accelerate climate initiatives and with the Hutt City Council we will measure the collective impact. Our firm action will ensure we are on track to halve emissions by 2030.

As businesses located in a future focused and innovative city, our courage and effective climate action will lead Aotearoa.

2030-2050

#### Delivering for the future

We are on the Race to Zero with climate action delivering a steady and substantial reduction in emissions. Businesses are progressively operating from low or zero carbon buildings, using sustainable transport options, and they have designed out waste. Businesses are working with suppliers who are also taking affirmative action to reduce and remove their emissions from their networks.



**2030**  
50% reduction in  
emissions in Lower Hutt,  
including businesses



**2050**  
Net zero carbon  
emissions in Lower Hutt,  
including businesses

### Business Response and Action

Businesses commit to...

#### Transport

##### Walking and cycling

- Install secure bike parking for staff and customers
- Encourage, incentivise, and support staff to walk, cycle or scooter to work
- Encourage staff to walk and cycle short trips

##### Electric Vehicles

- Progressively switch their vehicle fleets to electric
- Consider signing up with a car share provider using EVs
- Install electric vehicle charging stations for staff and customers

##### Public Transport

- Incentivise staff to utilise public transport

##### Reduce Car Use

- Support reduced travel distances through more working from home, and local shared workspaces
- Encourage and support reduced vehicle use, including through staff car-pooling to work
- Support new ways of moving around (e.g., cargo bikes)

#### Energy

##### Energy generation and use

- Use tools to estimate the carbon footprint for our business
- Implement actions to reduce energy use and measure the outcomes
- Implement lower carbon building practices, including avoiding the installation of new gas in new builds
- Transition out of fossil fuels, phase out gas for heating water/space/cooking
- Understand the carbon footprint of our suppliers
- Install solar panels

#### Consumption & Waste

##### Refuse, reduce, reuse, recycle

- Take actions to reduce waste in their offices, factories, and the making of their products
- Reduce and divert food waste and green waste in their everyday operation
- Design and use recyclable products
- Ensure products are designed to maximise their useful life



### Lower Hutt total direct emissions

Lower Hutt's main source of greenhouse gas emissions are transport, stationary energy and waste. Other sources of emissions include industry and agriculture.