

Climate Action Aotearoa Tika Transition Guide

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A Tika Transition embraces tikanga Māori and the principles of te Tiriti o Waitangi as a source of solutions. The Tika Transition Guide provides *guiding questions* towards a just, equitable and *tika transition* that reflects our unique Aotearoa context.

1 Reflecting Te Tiriti o Waitangi and supporting Māori aspirations regarding climate action

We commit to the spirit of partnership with iwi/hapū Māori to address the causes and impacts of climate change. We will seek to enable Māori aspirations and recognise mātauranga Māori in climate action, respecting whakapapa, tino rangatiratanga, rite tahi (equity) and kaitiakitanga.

Tika Transition questions to guide our commitment journey:

Whanaungatanga	Kaitiakitanga	Tauutuutu	Mana
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is partnering with mana whenua an underpinning value to our transition work? How are we nurturing relationships with mana whenua in our rohe? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Are Māori enabled to practice kaitiaki duties? What are the aspirations of Māori in our rohe? How do we support these aspirations? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How do we recognise and value mātauranga Māori in climate action? How are we enabling Māori-led climate action? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do transition proposals impact on Treaty settlement commitments? How is the mana of all parties enhanced?

Tika Transition actions and measures of commitment progress:



Journey of acknowledgement

- Identify and acknowledge your existing Te Tiriti partnership status
- Resource relationship development with mana whenua and community



Working in Partnership

- Be guided by mana whenua / Māori on how to support their aspirations
- With mana whenua and community, develop shared climate goals and action



Collective Action

- Co-governance
- Co-leadership
- Community collective climate action, including mana whenua

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An equitable transition

We will take action on how we invest and fund, to enable greater equity in the transition to a low carbon society. We will support initiatives that foster equitable transition, and we will support vulnerable communities burdened by the impacts arising from the transition.

Tika Transition questions to guide our commitment journey:

Whanaungatanga	Kaitiakitanga	Tauutuutu	Mana
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Do we know how different communities will be impacted?• Are future generations being considered?• Are our practices equitable and just?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• How will iwi and Māori be impacted?• Is our Tika Transition plan consistent with resource management and kaitiaki concerns?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• How are risks and benefits allocated?• How will equity be improved, for whom?• Are our resources benefitting those most in need?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Has mana been considered?• Do transition proposals impact on Treaty settlement commitments?• Are biases identified or disclosed by decision makers?

Tika Transition actions and measures of commitment progress:



Journey of acknowledgement

- Ensure capacity to develop and implement your approach toward an equitable and Tika Transition
- Understand the connection between your mission, strategy, climate change and a Tika Transition
- Apply a Tika Transition lens to policies, practices and programmes to identify links, gaps and opportunities



Working in partnership

- Engage experts to facilitate wānanga, with the goal of developing an equitable Tika Transition plan
- Collaborate with other funders - share intelligence and explore projects together



Collective Action

- Formalised Tika Transition Plan
- Phased out funding or support for activities that are not consistent with Tika principles
- Support rangatiratanga

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Enable Leadership

We will support and grow the leadership in our communities, especially in tangata whenua, rangatahi and marginalised communities to accelerate an equitable transition. We will actively support community-led action and systems change to enable an equitable transition.

Tika Transition questions to guide our commitment journey:

Whanaungatanga	Kaitiakitanga	Tauutuutu	Mana
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• How are we engaging and enabling community-led action?• What does community leadership need from us?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• How can we enhance Māori and rangatahi ability to practice kaitiaki duties?• How can we support kaititakitanga leadership?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Is our community leadership support based on identified need and opportunity?• Is it reaching those most impacted by climate change?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Has mana been considered?• How is mana whenua, rangatahi and community leadership supported within our Tika Transition?

Tika Transition actions and measures of commitment progress:



Journey of acknowledgement

- Engage suitable capacity to enable climate action leadership within your organisation and community
- Understand and engage with local efforts, projects, groups and communities taking climate action
- Publicly communicate your climate action commitment



Working in partnership

- Identify leadership capability and resources required to enable climate action leadership; identify any gaps
- Focus community leadership resourcing on those most marginalised



Collective Action

- Co-governance
- Co-leadership
- Community collective climate action
- Tika Transition leadership
- Support rangatiratanga

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Commit and share resources

We will take opportunities to contribute to and support mitigation and adaptation to climate change impacts. We will commit resources to accelerate work addressing the causes and impacts of climate change and identify opportunities to co-fund initiatives.

Tika Transition questions to guide our commitment journey:

Whanaungatanga	Kaitiakitanga	Tauutuutu	Mana
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Is collaboration a core value and priority for our transition work?• Have relationships been nurtured towards collaboration?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• How are we collaborating and partnering to support Māori aspirations?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What resources are we contributing to climate action?• Who is benefitting?• What resources are we leveraging through collaboration?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Do transition proposals impact on Treaty settlement commitments?• Whose mana is being enhanced through our resources and collaboration? Who is benefitting?

Tika Transition actions and measures of commitment progress:



Journey of acknowledgement

- Engage and resource an internal Climate Lead or Leads to accelerate progress
- Understand mitigation, adaptation and community climate action in your region
- Understand your current climate action granting



Working in partnership

- Collaborate with other funders and share your climate action strategy and goals
- Undertake collaborative projects and co-funding opportunities
- Commit to increased funding towards climate action through current or new programmes



Collective Action

- Co-leadership
- Community collective climate action
- Support rangatiratanga
- Efficient and effective allocation of funding

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Learn and Grow

We will create opportunities for our trustees, staff and communities to learn more about climate change causes, impacts and solutions, including through mātauranga Māori. We will share opportunities to develop the knowledge and skills needed to act.

Tika Transition questions to guide our commitment journey:

Whanaungatanga	Kaitiakitanga	Tauutuutu	Mana
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Are our relationships enabling the exchange of knowledge and worldviews?• Are we enabling learning and growing for everyone in our relationships?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What are the aspirations of Māori?• Do mana whenua have the resources needed to grow and nurture their mātauranga?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• How are we applying and honouring our learning?• What responsibilities arise from our learning?• Are we learning with our community in reciprocity?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Is mātauranga Māori and the intellectual property associated being protected?• Are we addressing the mana of our learning, and all who are associated?

Tika Transition actions and measures of commitment progress:



Journey of acknowledgement

- Develop ways to hear from mana whenua and all parts of the community
- Wānanga for all - boards, staff, mana whenua, stakeholders, community
- Engage expertise to support developing climate understanding and action



Working in partnership

- Create and share research
- Build climate capability for all people in your organisation
- Support mātauranga Māori climate kaupapa and leaders
- Actively collaborate and share experience, best practice and challenges



Collective Action

- Support rangatiratanga - climate action leaders in all sectors of community
- Community collective climate understanding and action

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Decarbonise our investments and operations

We will take action to minimise the carbon footprint of our own operations. We will proactively address the risks and opportunities of the transition to a low carbon society in our investment strategies.

Tika Transition questions to guide our commitment journey:

Whanaungatanga	Kaitiakitanga	Tauutuutu	Mana
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Do we have the right information and expertise to guide us?• What relationships will support wise decision making?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What are the aspirations of Māori?• Will Māori sustainable development aims be impacted?• Do we understand our fiduciary duty?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• How will our decisions reduce our carbon footprint?• How do we reach net-zero in an equitable way?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Do transition proposals impact on Treaty settlement commitments?• Whose mana is affected and how?

Tika Transition actions and measures of commitment progress:



Journey of acknowledgement

- Engage the right expertise to develop and lead your decarbonisation approach
- Understand the climate impact of your operations by engaging expertise to help measure your operational carbon footprint
- Review investment strategy/portfolio to identify climate risks and opportunities



Working in partnership

- Implement sustainable impact investing policies
- Review your operational carbon footprint and identify targets and actions that you can take to actively reduce your emissions
- Integrate Tika Transition considerations into your operational decisions, procurement and investment strategy



Collective Action

- Phase out all policies, practices and partnerships that do not align to your goals or a Tika Transition
- Influence suppliers and partners to reduce the impact of their activities
- Proactive stewardship of investments and engagement to drive change

7 Report on progress

We will report annually on our progress against the commitments listed above. We will continue to develop our practice, to learn from others, and to share our learning.

Tika Transition questions to guide our commitment journey:

Whanaungatanga	Kaitiakitanga	Tauutuutu	Mana
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who do we need to report progress to? • How are our relationships and partners being represented? • Does our reporting promote their agency and interests? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How is kaitiakitanga in reflected in reporting? • How do mana whenua aspirations feature? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How are we moving towards balance? • Where do we need to accelerate progress? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has mana been considered? • Whose mana are we enhancing and how in our transition journey?

Tika Transition actions and measures of commitment progress:



Journey of acknowledgement

- Communicate your Tika Transition progress with mana whenua, communities, and other stakeholders through a range of avenues



Working in partnership

- Commit to monitoring progress and regular commitment reporting to the Board and mana whenua
- Commit to continuous improvement and evolving your approach as knowledge and understanding develops



Collective Action

- Co-governance
- Co-leadership
- Community collective climate action
- Support rangatiratanga