

# NZCCSS MANIFESTO Tracker

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## How is the Government progressing against its 2020 Election Manifesto?

The New Zealand Council of Christian Social Services (NZCCSS) has developed the NZCCSS Manifesto Tracker to monitor progress on the initiatives in Labour's 2020 Manifesto. We've listed initiatives in Manifesto order and used at-a-glance traffic light colour coding to denote status: Green = Delivered; Yellow = Partially Delivered; Red = Yet to Deliver; Grey = Unclear.

-  **Collective Pay Agreements**
-  **Mana Mahi: Wage subsidy for those working towards NZQA-approved apprenticeships**
-  **Free apprenticeships: Delivered, however for a limited period.**
-  **Training Incentive Allowance**
-  **Increase welfare abatement threshold**
-  **Flexi-wage Expansion**
-  **Continued investment in public transport: Projects like Auckland Light rail have been funded but not completed**
-  **Continued investment in walk/cycleways**
-  **Investment in hospital facilities: Hospital Investment has overtaken personnel investment - hospitals are short-staffed, without factoring in COVID**
-  **New schools and classrooms: Close to \$400m provided for schools to update classrooms**
-  **Build 18,000 public and transitional homes: As with National before them, the houses have not all been acquired, and many are leases**
-  **Water reform: Three Waters project has faced significant pushback from some local councils**
-  **Jobs for Nature**
-  **Opportunity Grows Here campaign: Primary Sector is still understaffed, however funding has been allocated to growing industries**
-  **Regional Strategic Partnership Fund**
-  **100% renewable energy by 2030: (Adapted) Select committee tested the policy, finding it would be unworkable and ineffective. Thus it has been adapted and the final outcome is still to be seen.**
-  **Increase electrification of industrial heat: Progress is difficult to track as the plan comes into effect when old coal boilers reach the end of their lifespan. Legislation is planned but is not in place.**
-  **Accelerated uptake of electric vehicles: Delivered through Electric Vehicle Rebate**
-  **Research and development tax credits**
-  **Extend Small Business Cashflow Scheme**
-  **Digital Skills Scheme**

# NZCCSS MANIFESTO Tracker P2



- Accelerate and strengthen Business Connect
- Regulate cost of Merchant Service Fees: Legislation introduced in 2021 but not yet passed
- Continued requirement for prompt payment to businesses from Govt departments
- Market study into supermarkets and building supplies: Final Supermarket study delivered; Building Supply on-going
- Progressed industry policy: As this is a work in progress it cannot be graded as delivered.
- Continue with Fit for a Better World
- Continue to pursue high quality trade deals
- Expand Innovative Partnerships Programme
- Expand NZTE International Investment Attraction Team
- Open travel bubbles when safe
- Work with Tourism Industry to become more sustainable
- Promote tourism as borders are opened: As this is a work in progress it cannot be graded as delivered
- Increased health and education spending
- Grow the economy through sustainable investment: Gaps in funding and the inflation issue have made GDP growth a positive with complicating factors allocated to growing industries
- Stable revenue policy (Lift tax rate to 39% for earnings over \$180 K)
- Introduce ethical investment framework for Government assets
- Use Government procurement programme to support improved social and environmental outcomes
- Restrict spending of COVID response and recovery Fund: The outbreak of Delta and Omicron have led to more spending being necessary.
- Continue to make contributions to Superannuation Fund
- Maintain superannuation eligibility at 65
- Work with OECD on the issue of taxation of multinational corporations
- Invest in More PPE Supplies
- Identify and roll out new testing technologies for COVID
- Improve contact tracing
- Continue COVID-19 Leave Support Scheme
- Improve Border Settings to Keep COVID-19 Out: MIQ remained fundamentally the same, however COVID -19 made its way in
- Secure a safe and effective vaccine (supported by a strong national immunisation programme)
- Reform Health and Disability System drawing on recommendations of Health and Disability System Review

# NZCCSS MANIFESTO Tracker P3



- **Make mental health support available for all primary and secondary age students:** Mana Ake has been expanded however it does not encompass all students.
- **Expand nurse-family partnerships**
- **Additional respite beds for Maternal Mental Health:** (Adapted) Stocktake indicated that in-home mental healthcare would be more suitable than respite beds, and policy has been adjusted accordingly
- **Expand sick leave entitlements to 10 days per year**
- **Reduce planned care waiting lists:** Funding has been allocated however staffing is still low, wait times for elective procedures are still high
- **Purchase more modern medicines and boost Pharmac funding \$200m**
- **Double cochlear implants to 160 per year**
- **Increase Dental Health Grants to \$1000 for those on low incomes**
- **Fund 20 new mobile dental clinics**
- **Establish Māori Health Authority**
- **Address changes made by National in their previous term:** Changes will go through the Select Committee process in 2022
- **Consider the List of Chronic Illnesses caused through workplace exposure to harmful environments:** A revision of the 3-step assessment process is underway.
- **Work toward pay parity between teachers in ECE centres and Schools/Kindergartens**
- **Continue to implement 10-year Early Learning Action Plan**
- **Support and encourage more Te Reo Māori teachers and continue to integrate Te Reo Māori into schools**
- **Implement the aspirations laid out in Maihi Karauna:** By the initial deadline, not all government departments had completed a plan to implement the aspirations.
- **Replace decile system with equity index**
- **Complete reform of the Vocational Education Scheme:** -The reforms are ongoing, but well implemented and rollbacks would be unlikely
- **Expand Free and Healthy School Lunch Programme to cover 200K students**
- **Continue to roll out boost to Adult and Community Education**
- **Continue Strategic Recovery Plan for the International Education Sector**
- **Maintain construction through Residential Development Response Fund:** Construction has still not maintained pace with demand
- **Continue to Partner with Community Housing Providers to Support Progressive Home Ownership/Roll Out Government-led Scheme:** Uptake of progressive home ownership by those eligible has been slow, however the framework has been delivered
- **Amend the Building Act 2004 to deliver a better housing system:** Amendments to the Housing Act 2004 are being reviewed/partially delivered through new legislation
- **Strengthen Public and Transitional Housing to Maintain Progress Tackling Homelessness:** Homelessness has increased and measures used to house homeless during lockdowns have not continued.



- Establish earthquake-prone building remediation service: Loan Scheme is in place however there have been few applicants
- Partner with Māori through MAIHI to support the implementation of the Homelessness Action Plan: The number of people homeless or in emergency housing continues to grow
- Partner with Māori through MAIHI to repair and maintain houses, build Papakainga, establish Iwi Māori pathway for Progressive Home Ownership: Scheme exists but not yet widespread access
- Support energy efficiency, including through residential energy efficiency certificates
- Regulate Property Managers: Consultation on proposals progressing
- Expand MOH Healthy Homes Initiative
- Reinstate the Training Incentive Allowance
- Remove Subsequent Child Policy
- Increase Income Support and address debt: While welfare has increased, this is cancelled out by housing costs and inflation
- Explore amendments to the Social Security Act 2018 with a focus on Kaupapa Māori Framework: Consultation is ongoing
- Improve supports and services for disabled people and people with health conditions, and their carers: Ministry for Disabled People has been announced and will be established by July 2022
- Simplify the Income Support System
- Ratify the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, including 3rd optional protocol and remove all earlier reservations
- Expand Healthy Homes Initiative to help prevent childhood hospitalisations
- Ensure Oranga Tamariki partner with iwi, hapu and Māori-led organisations to find appropriate solutions for children in need: Process has begun
- Celebrate Matariki as a Public Holiday starting in 2022
- Back Whānau Ora: A refusal to allow Whānau Ora access to Māori health statistics during COVID-19 has demonstrably refuted this
- Strengthen Māori housing outcomes through collaborative partnerships, home-ownership models and Papakāinga
- Support Whānau Māori business, enterprise and opportunities, including through a progressive procurement policy for Māori business.
- Invest \$20m into a fund for Māori boarding schools
- Recognise the vital contribution of Mātauranga Māori: Difficult to quantify, however \$20m has been provided through Mātauranga Māori Te Awe Kōtuku
- Continue work to settle historic Treaty of Waitangi Claims
- Continue commitment to obligations under Te Tiriti o Waitangi
- Open Border Settings to let more people into the country - including restarting
- Review Immigration criteria to enable a broader range of workers to enter New Zealand
- Enable 10% quota for critical workers: Impacts of COVID continue



- **Establish Investment Attraction Strategy:** Visas approved for 14 wealthy investors in 2021, however a full Investment Attraction Strategy has not been made public.
- **Support redeployment of seasonal workers and get more kiwis working in Primary Industries:** The 5k to Work and NZ Seasonal Work Scheme provide support to seasonal workers and allow those receiving benefits to transition into work.
- **Continue to develop an Immigration System that better matches the needs of employers in different regions with talents and aspirations of Migrant Workers:** Impacts of COVID continue
- **Update the settings of Partnership Visas so that these are up to date, culturally appropriate and represent international best practice**
- **Remove barriers to access the Parent category visa, including reconsidering the current provisions once border re-opens and reducing income thresholds:** Process has begun, however income thresholds remain around 4x the median wage
- **Continue to stamp out Migrant Worker exploitation with a focus on exploring the implementation of Modern Slavery Legislation in supply chains:** Process has begun
- **Complete work on refugee family reunification and settlement**
- **Work with local Councils, unions, Industry, Iwi and Māori Organisations to ensure a Just Transition to a Zero Carbon and Climate Resilient Economy and Society:** Labour Govt signed the International Just Transition Declaration in 2021, however this is a work in progress
- **New Phase out Fossil Fuels in process heat by preventing installation of new low and medium temperature coal-fired boilers**
- **Require only zero-emissions buses to be purchased for the Public Bus Fleet by 2025:** As \$50M has been ring-fenced for Councils to achieve this, however as this is an aim for 2025, it has not fully been implemented
- **Increase investment into research to reduce emissions**
- **Expand Just Transitions Unit beyond Taranaki**
- **Work to ensure that Workers can access targeted training and and new jobs as the economy transitions to Carbon-Free:** Just Transition Units in Taranaki and Southland emerging
- **Empower local Councils to decide which land can be used for plantation and carbon forests through resource consent processes**
- **100% Continue work to plant one billion trees by 2028**
- **Investigate dry year storage solutions to help NZ achieve 100% renewable energy:** Research continues
- **Continue to implement the recommendations following the Electricity Price Review, with a focus on alleviating energy hardship**
- **Investigate regulatory or Market barriers to increase update of Solar Electricity Generation**
- **Increase funding to expand low emissions vehicle contestable fund, including freight and public transport:** LEVCF has been broadened in scope and renamed Low Emissions Transport Fund (LETF)
- **Introduce Vehicle Fuel Efficiency Standard for new and used vehicles**
- **Continue to improve the health of NZ's freshwater and coastal areas:** Funding allocated but results unclear
- **Work to achieve fair and efficient Freshwater Resource Allocation:** Three Waters
- **Extend National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management to cover estuaries**
- **Protect preserve and restore our Natural Heritage and Biodiversity and promote the recovery of threatened species**
- **Commit to sustained funding for Kauri Dieback National Pest Management Plan:** Plan expected to be implemented late 2022



- Repeal the Resource Management Act 1991 and replace it with Natural and Built Environments Act: Act to be replaced by NBEA, SSPA and additionally the Climate Change Adaptation Act
- Continue work with the Agricultural Sector to develop Integrated Farm Plans to remove duplication of reporting requirements, achieved goals of clean water, lowering emissions and sustainable funding
- Continue roll-out of cameras in commercial fishing boats
- Implement Hector's and Māui Dolphin Threat Management Plan: In progress
- Update Marine Protected Areas Legislation: In progress
- Continue to fulfil the international obligations of the Fishing Sector
- Continue to support Aquaculture across New Zealand through an Aquaculture Strategy
- Continue major investment in hospitals: Most intended projects have planning in place and working towards completion
- Reform New Zealand's drinking water and waste water system and upgrade water infrastructure: Fluoride in water bill, coming Three Waters
- Continue roll-out of rural broadband
- Continue to progress urban growth agenda
- Run evidence-based collaborative process with stakeholders to agree on future of Upper North Island Ports
- Continue to increase minimum wage
- Legislation for and implementing Fair Pay Agreements: In progress
- Extend the Living Wage guarantees to workers Government pays via contractors in priority industries
- Strengthen and simplify Holidays Act in line with recommendations from the Holidays Act tripartite taskforce: In progress. Legislation expected mid-2022
- Recognise security guards as vulnerable workers to ensure their terms and conditions are protected by Schedule 1A of the ERA
- Strengthen Section 59B of the ERA
- Work with Unions and Employers to develop a better statutory regime to protect independent contractors: Past consultation phase
- Ensure that Seafarers' Welfare Centres comply with the ILO Maritime Labour Convention 2006 through Amendment of the Maritime Transport Act 1994
- Raise the age of workers to be allowed to perform hazardous work, and ensure that workers have the right to elect Health and Safety Representatives: Age yet to be raised, but able to elect own officer
- Roll out Te Ara Oranga Meth Harm Pilot
- Establish Alcohol and Other Drug Treatment Court in Hawke's Bay: AODT Court not established in Hamilton
- Expand Māori Pathways Prison Rehabilitation Programme to Wāhine Māori: Pilot phase
- Strengthen Māori, Pacific and Ethnic Services Group within Police: No specific funding identified, but internal practices may have changed
- Extend legal protections for groups which experience Hate Speech: Bill on hold for clarification





- Honour the result of the Referendum on Recreational Use of Cannabis
- Continue to protect the integrity of NZ's elections and voters access to the polls, including a review of the Financing Rules
- Chair APEC 2021 in a COVID-19 appropriate manner and showcase the best of NZ
- Continue to promote and develop strong multilateral links between Aotearoa and our international community
- Continue to work in the Pacific as a priority area
- Continue to make progress towards meeting NZ's official development assistance target
- Continue NZ's long-standing advocacy for Effective Nuclear Free Zones and a Nuclear Free World
- Support the inclusion of Indigenous Collaborations Agreement in the Trade Policy Agenda that would create indigenous-indigenous opportunities
- Continue to pursue high quality trade agreements that diversify our trade relationships including with EU, UK, Digital Economic Partnership Agreement and Agreement on Climate Change, Trade and Sustainability
- Strengthen Local Government Commission to provide ongoing assurance of best practice and good governance across the sector
- Continue to partner with Communities, Iwi and local Government on projects that provide world-class facilities, community programmes and affordable housing
- Ensure that major decisions about local democracy involve full participation of the local population from the outset
- Further integrate front line public services to enable easier access by New Zealanders
- Ensure emergency management systems are geared towards an inclusive, community-led response to natural disasters and health events: In progress towards a reformed Emergency Management Act to replace the 2002 Legislation
- Continue to work with Iwi on the role they play in emergency management
- Strengthen the role of Māori and public media and ensure public media assets are fit for the future
- Provide multiple year contestable funding for public interest journalism
- Continue to roll out Creatives in Schools, Creative Art Recovery and Employment Fund, Cultural Innovation Fund and New Zealand Music Recovery Fund
- Roll out our Career Services for Creative Jobseekers and Creative Sector Workers, based on modernised version of the PACE Scheme
- Continue to roll out Sport Recovery Package
- Roll out Women and Girls in Sport and Active Recreation Strategy
- Establish Pacific Wellbeing Strategy
- Continue to roll out action plan for Pacific Education
- Continue to roll out Ola Mauia - Pacific Health and Wellbeing Plan 2020-2025 and work towards health equity
- Continue to roll out support to Pacific Festivals
- Ensure immigration policies work in the best interests of New Zealand, Pacific Migrants and Pacific Island Nations: The current deportation scheme has seen NZ generated issues (drugs, gangs, violence) into Pacific Nations



- Create and implement a national action plan to ensure tangible steps for Government and all of New Zealand to help eliminate everyday racism and discrimination: Ministry of Justice beginning consultation
- Ensure Government and Public Services Respond to the Needs and Strengths of Ethnic Communities Including Considering the Role and Status of the Office of Ethnic Communities: The Ministry of Ethnic Communities has been established
- Respond to the Royal Commission of Inquiry into the Christchurch Mosque Attacks
- Work to promote equal employment opportunities for all, with a view to removing barriers to employment for People's from Ethnic communities: In progress
- Introduce an Accessibility for New Zealanders Act: Announced as in progress as the new Ministry for Disabled People is established
- Strengthen the mandate and resourcing of public leadership for the Disability Community
- Replace Minimum Wage Exemption with a wage supplement to ensure that disabled people are paid the minimum wage: In progress
- Increase access to closed caption in Movie Theatres and the availability of captions of free to air TV
- Continue to boost the number of accessible state houses to ensure all tenants needs are met by requiring that at least 25% of new public housing to meet universal housing standards
- Maintain the current entitlement age and the relative rate of NZ Super
- Continue to implement the Better Later Life Strategy
- Establish and Aged Care Commissioner
- Work with the Dementia Sector to support the goals of the Dementia Action Plan
- Ban Conversion Therapy
- Provide better access, support and treatment for our Rainbow Communities through our Health System: Unclear
- Invest \$4M in Mental Health Services targeted at the Rainbow Community
- Create more inclusive school environments, including working with schools to ensure they have Gender Neutral bathrooms: Partially delivered, not yet mandatory
- Review the Human Rights Act 1993 to better protect communities from discrimination and prejudice, including adding gender identity as a prohibited group of discrimination
- Make it easier for women to gain pay equity in the organisation across their industry
- Continue to roll out programmes to address period poverty through providing free access to period products through schools
- Continue to take a community and prevention based approach to addressing family violence
- Strengthen Health Home compliance and enforcement efforts by Tenancy Services: In progress
- Regulate property managers: In consultation
- Expand Health Homes Initiative
- Work to strengthen student voice in the school and tertiary education system