

Sea Change Action Plan notes

	actions	how do we expect this to be done
FIRST 90 DAYS		
1	USE THE 8 SEA CHANGE CRITERIA in all council decision-making	To ensure reporting templates for all reports to Councillors, Community Boards, senior managers, and directors of Council companies include Sea Change's 8 questions.
2.	DECLARE A CLIMATE EMERGENCY	
3.	PASS RESOLUTIONS to transition to carbon neutrality and zero waste by 2030.	<p>This includes carbon neutrality and zero waste for all Council-controlled organisations.</p> <p>Start with preparation for the 2020 annual plan which will be notified for submission about May 2020.</p> <p>Need new 10 year long term plan approved in 2021, section 93 allows a long-term plan to be amended, so can update the 2018-2028 long term plan as necessary before the 2021-2031 long term plan finalised.</p> <p>Tell Council-controlled companies of expectation that their annual statements of intent must show a commitment to carbon neutrality, zero waste, and community consultation as part of exhibiting a sense of social and environmental responsibility.</p> <p>[Council companies need to produce a draft statement of intent each year for Council comment by 1 March each year; <u>see</u> Schedule 8 of the Local Government Act 2002.]</p> <p>More information on certification systems for businesses and local authorities towards carbon neutrality can be found at the Carbon Neutral Trust website https://www.carbonneutraltrust.org.nz/ ; the Enviro mark website https://www.enviro-mark.com , and the Ekos Trust website www.ekos.org.nz .</p>
4.	INTRODUCE INCLUSIVE DECISION MAKING PROCESSES for plan, policy development and infrastructure planning.	<p>Involve hapū and whānau, communities and interest groups. Will need to update Council's contacts lists.</p> <p>Inclusive decision making processes include participatory budgeting, peoples' assemblies, working parties.</p>
5.	ACTION NEW GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT PRINCIPLES in all purchasing.	<p>https://www.procurement.govt.nz/procurement/principles-and-rules/government-procurement-principles/</p> <p>Will need some customisation of charter to reflect Northland conditions and opportunities.</p> <p>Apply to council-controlled organisations as well.</p>

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6.	APPEAL NRC'S GMO RULES IN NORTHLAND FNDC to join as a party with Whangarei District Council	Whangarei District Council is lodging an appeal. Far North District Council is intending to join this appeal. It needs to stay involved throughout the appeal process. Depending on who gets elected to Northland Regional Council, there might be the votes to reverse the decision to not have rules about GMOs in the Regional Plan.
7.	PASS RESOLUTION FOR CHANGE TO SINGLE TRANSFERABLE VOTE SYSTEM to bring in a fairer democratic process for the next (2022) local elections.	Resolution needs to be passed by 12 September 2020, and covers next two elections. A poll on this resolution is required is 5% of electors demand it. Any poll needs to be before 21 May 2021 if result of the poll is to apply to next two elections; see sections 27 to 33 Local Electoral Act 2001. Kaipara District Council is using the single transferable vote system for the 2019 local election.
8.	'SEA CHANGE' TO BE PRESENTED AT MAYORAL FORUM for adoption Northland-wide	
WITHIN 3 YEARS		
9.	ANNUAL AWARDS for businesses, organisations, marae, and individuals for working towards carbon neutrality and zero waste.	Maybe all four local authorities could develop this jointly?
10.	CORRECT MĀORI SPELLING for all signs in the Far North	Including using macrons. Māori to be reimbursed to “drive this change”.
11.	'JUST TRANSITION' PLANS for climate change for each community	This includes mitigation and adaptation actions, planning for managed retreat in places, and ensuring a just transition.

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12.	FAR NORTH HOLDINGS Collaboration with Far North residents to develop a new Statement of Intent and new Terms of Reference	<p>Section 59 of the Local Government Act 2002 sets out principal objective of council-controlled organisations, including being a good employer (inc. living wage) and exhibiting a sense of social and environmental responsibility by having regard to the interests of the community in which it operates.</p> <p>Actions which could address this social and environmental responsibility requirement include: transition to carbon neutrality, zero waste, not exploiting communities for profit, local infrastructure provision, supporting local businesses not competing with them, good design standards, and adopting environmental measures such as improving water quality. Also consider paying dividends direct to communities, and ensuring gender/ethnic/age balance on Boards of Directors.</p> <p>This is too big an exercise for completion by the end of 2019; although some direction could be provided by then for the 2020 Statements of Intent.</p> <p>Therefore aim for big changes in objectives for Council-controlled organisations in the 2021 Statements of Intent and in the 2021-2031 Long Term Plan.</p>
13.	BETTER TRANSPORT OPTIONS More EV stations, EV buses, cycling and walking. Use of rail, coastal shipping & barging for logs and freight.	<p>Some actions to help achieve this:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Finishing Haruru Fall to Paihia walkway. - Upgrade Northland rail including to Otiria; rail to Marsden Point port. <p>Recognise NRC role in amending/re-writing regional transport strategy. The next 6 year Regional Land Transport Strategy must be prepared by 2021.</p> <p>Potential to instruct Council-controlled organisations to work in this area.</p>
14.	ECOSTAR CERTIFICATION for council offices, departments and Far North Holdings.	<p>Ecostar is an award system initiated by the Far North District Council to recognise waste minimisation efforts by businesses. For more details see www.ecostar.org.nz</p>
15.	LONG TERM PLANS have detail on carbon neutrality, zero waste, better transport options, climate change action plans, inclusive decision making processes.	<p>New Long Term Plans for the Far North District Council and the Northland Regional Council will need to be approved in 2021, providing an opportunity to have a ten year plan in place before the next local government election that commits to carbon neutrality, zero waste, inclusive processes, etc.</p>

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16.	<p>NAME OF NRC consider changing to reflect the role of environmental governance eg "Environment Tai Tokerau</p>	<p>The current name doesn't represent what the council is responsible for and lacks a connection to the land and people.</p> <p>However changing the name will be at a cost, as it would require changes to letterheads, web pages, vehicle branding and so on.</p> <p>So need to assess the cost of a name change and consult with the community on it.</p>