



## Protecting our Economy and Environment

Climate change is our biggest environmental challenge. How we respond to it now will determine the future shape of our economy, environment, and communities.

National knows that, although there has been plenty of debate, Kiwi families and businesses want to play their part. We all want to protect New Zealand's 100% Pure image, and do our fair share as a responsible international citizen.

Our changes to the Emissions Trading Scheme were passed by Parliament this week. This scheme encourages businesses and families to be more energy efficient and to use less carbon over time.

Our driving ambition has been to significantly reduce the cost of the previous government's Emissions Trading Scheme for Kiwi households.

Labour's scheme placed a high burden on households through large increases in the price of petrol and power. It also encouraged businesses to go offshore by imposing high costs, and not giving them enough time to adopt greener technologies.



*Tuatara Breeding programme with Diana Lady Isaac and Prime Minister John Key*

National has delivered on our election promises and struck the right balance between our economic opportunities and our environmental responsibilities. We've made the scheme more workable for businesses, and halved the cost to families in our communities

Our scheme protects Kiwi jobs by encouraging businesses to stay here and be more energy efficient, rather than move offshore. We don't want to put peoples' jobs at risk, or jeopardise some of our key industries like agriculture and fisheries.

It also re-jigs the scheme so families, farms, and businesses will not have to pay too much for their emissions right away. Our changes halve the increase in power and petrol prices proposed by the previous government's scheme for the next three years. We don't want

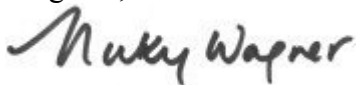
families in our communities to have to pay more than their fair share.

Addressing climate change is not easy. It's one of the most difficult policy issues that governments around the world are grappling with.

This Government is looking for pragmatic, practical ways to address climate change. As a trading nation, we cannot afford to get our response wrong. Our two biggest industries are agriculture and tourism and both rely on our "clean green image".

Our changes to the Emissions Trading Scheme ensure that Kiwis will be doing their fair share, while protecting our economy and our beautiful natural environment.

Regards,



P.S. I am always keen to hear from you, flick me an email, call my Christchurch office on 03 3658297, or pop in to my office at 189 Montreal St, Christchurch. And if you're a local do join our next Christchurch events .....

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### Devonshire Tea

Please join me and Councillor Ngaire Button at her home 41 Grassmere Street Papanui, for Devonshire Tea and the opportunity to enjoy her beautiful garden  
Monday 7th December 2.30 - 3.30pm RSVP [chchoffice@nickywagner.co.nz](mailto:chchoffice@nickywagner.co.nz)

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### Sherry & Christmas Cake

Join us to celebrate the festive season at my office 189 Montreal Street on Friday 11th December from 4.30pm - 6.30pm RSVP [chchoffice@nickywagner.co.nz](mailto:chchoffice@nickywagner.co.nz)

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