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# The Aotearoa Circle Year in Review 2022

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## **Co-Chairs Introduction**

Kia ora and welcome to our 2022 Year in Review. We are entering our fourth year as an organisation, and although by many measures we are still in our infancy, we have already made huge inroads to create a sustainable and prosperous Aotearoa New Zealand for future generations.

There's a likelihood that if you are reading this report, you have been involved in this year's work in one way or another. This could be Cochairing the development of a report, bringing your sector's perspective to a leadership group, bringing your expertise to a technical advisory group, finding homes for tangible actions as part of an implementation group, you could have helped us launch reports as a Minister, or as a public or private sector leader.

There's also a chance you're reading this report as a key sector stakeholder who is looking to adapt to climate change or play your part to restore nature. I hope this report provides helpful insight, particularly as we arrive in 2023, a year focused on implementing the roadmaps we have been busy writing this past year.

We all come from different sectors, roles and backgrounds. And although day to day our mahi varies wildly, we all have a shared commitment to see Aotearoa flourish, where our kids and grandkids can scramble over rock pools teeming with life and stand in our taonga forests, listening to birdsong

in full chorus. Where we've seen nature restored, not degraded.

This is no small feat, and this mahi tahi / working in meaningful collaboration, demonstrates exactly what Sir Rob Fenwick envisioned. That we as a country stop working in silos, and instead pull together our business leaders, government agencies, scientists and tangata whenua to tackle the big problems we face.

In this report we celebrate significant pieces of work that we've all achieved together.

We have launched the Mana Kai Initiative, which has brought together sector experts to build a national food network that creates a productive, inclusive, sustainable food system here in Aotearoa New Zealand.

Soon we will be launching our Tourism Adaptation Roadmap, where, guided by the industry, we have developed a strategy and roadmap of actions to transition the tourism sector to one which is proactively planning and building long-term resilience.

We will also soon be launching the Agri-Adaptation Roadmap, which is fast becoming a comprehensive strategy and roadmap of actions for how the sector can adapt to extreme weather events, natural resource constraints, land-use changes and supply chain disruptions, so that we ensure food security in New Zealand, as well as resilience for our key export markets.

In 2022 we also moved into the implementation phase of our Seafood Sector Adaptation Strategy, which has been led in-house by Jodie Kuntzsch. Through this work, with the help of an agile and knowledgeable implementation group, we are turning our shared commitments into tangible actions, finding homes for the recommendations set out in the report.

Toitū Tahua: The Centre for Sustainable Finance, which was established to implement the Sustainable Finance Forum's 2030 Roadmap, continued work with government and the finance sector to see critical actions taken up to drive systemic change.

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"We know what is happening, we know what we must do – now, we must simply do it."

– Sir Rob Fenwick

Finally, stemming from the Low Carbon Energy Roadmap, a plan is underway with relevant industries to progress mapping out climate scenarios for both the energy and transport sectors as a whole, nationwide. This New Zealand-wide mapping will hopefully fill a significant data gap in the Aotearoa climate context and allow for rapid adaptation.

Running parallel to these workstreams, The Aotearoa Circle has ambitiously updated our strategy, revising our mission from halting or reversing the decline of Aotearoa New Zealand's natural capital to restoring natural capital for future generations.

This important change acknowledges the current state of nature and that maintaining this level is not sufficient. If we are to achieve our shared goals of sustainable prosperity for Aotearoa, we must actively heal and restore nature.

The comprehensive update to our strategy reflects the scale and urgency for which we must act.

Wrapped around this updated strategy is a Board commitment to a timeline of 2035 – a line in the sand acknowledging that if key actions, policies, and innovations are not in place at this stage, we need to change the role of the Circle.

This crucial decision creates a sense of urgency and focus for the Board, and highlights that if the necessary levers are not in place to achieve our

2050 goals and beyond, nature will not be in a state to support future generations.

Additionally, a Te Ao Māori lens has been applied to all of our workstreams, but we've yet to adopt a Te Ao Māori lens to The Aotearoa Circle as a whole. We are pleased to say this is now in the works and will be finalised imminently.

There's a lot that has been done, and there's a lot to do.

We'd like to take the opportunity to thank all our Partners. You are all the lifeblood of The Aotearoa Circle, providing critical funding, time, and expertise to drive these roadmaps and ensure their implementation.

Partnership with The Aotearoa Circle is not a traditional membership.

Being a Partner means lending your knowledge and skills to help build solutions, whilst also building meaningful networks, being better prepared for future impacts, building an action focused reputation in your field, maximising our strategies through your own work, and creating a legacy.

We'd like to acknowledge and thank KPMG, PWC, EY, Deloitte, our Co-Patrons, Co-Chairs, Leadership, Technical Advisory and Implementation Groups, and the Circle team, Chief Executive Vicki Watson, Nadine Walker, Jodie Kuntzsch and Jess Hopkins.

We'd also like to thank our Guardians for their contribution to the Aotearoa Circle's mahi through 2022.

This year we welcomed David Carter, Simon Limmer and Izzy Fenwick as new Guardians to the Circle, bringing fresh perspectives and insights, and farewelled Stephen England-Hall.

2035. This is the line in the sand. And with all your ambition, courage, and passion, we can achieve sustainable prosperity for Aotearoa New Zealand and ensure a liveable planet for future generations.



Vicky Robertson



Volker Kuntzsch



## Highlights of 2022

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Workstreams underway in 2022

Partners generously contributing to the mahi of The Aotearoa Circle

Workstream webinars held, updating partners and stakeholders on our workstream progress Leadership Group members across our workstreams

Technical Working Group members across our workstreams.

## Low Carbon Energy Roadmap

In March 2022 we launched the Low Carbon Aotearoa Energy Roadmap to 2030 following ten months of voluntary effort by private and public sector experts to find a path forward for energy that is inclusive and sustainable.

Energy touches everything – done well, it supports our industries, allows us to travel freely, keeps us warm, and ensures we have food on the table. But done poorly, it can lead to inequity, stifled economic growth, and environmental degradation – so it is critical we get it right as we transition our energy system to one that is fit for our low carbon future.

This roadmap paddles the waka forward to achieve just that. Coming out of the report is a list of recommendations categorised into eight themes:

- Keeping whānau warm, dry and healthy
- · Redesigning how people move around
- · Rethinking freight and aviation
- Setting the low carbon trajectory for business and industry
- Ensuring a coordinated transition
- Enabling the new energy infrastructure we need
- Achieving a diversified and reliable electricity system
- Moving towards a regenerative energy system.

These themes and recommendations sit inside a Te Ao Māori framework, He
Awa Waiora. This provided an important perspective from which to consider
the transition and our future energy system. It has elevated our consciousness
to acknowledge the environment as central to our existence – ko au te taiao, ko

te taiao ko au - we are the environment and the environment is us.

He Ara Waiora reminded us of what is important as the actions were developed and prioritised and helped offer uniquely Aotearoa solutions and opportunities for innovation in our future energy system.

Key recommendations are progressing from this. Ongoing conversations with MBIE indicate our willingness to support them with the National Energy Strategy, following receipt of the roadmap by Minister Woods. Additionally, we are progressing discussions with the Ministry of Transport, Waka Kotahi, and Local Councils to create climate scenarios for both the transport sector and energy sector nationally, followed by a pathway to adapt.

We know there's a huge amount of mahi to do in this space. 2023 will be the year of accelerated implementation, where we will continue to work collaboratively to see policies adopted that ensure a sustainable energy sector for future generations.

Mahue iho he tapuwae, he ara hīkoinga haere ake

Leave behind only your footprints for others to follow (what we do today will influence tomorrow and beyond)

#### **Co-Chairs & Secretariat**



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Co-Chair



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# Low Carbon Energy Roadmap Leadership Group



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## Seafood Sector Adaptation Implementation

Implementing the Seafood Sector Adaptation Strategy is an essential step towards safeguarding the cultural, ecological, social and economic fabric of Aotearoa's seafood sector in the face of rapid and uncertain change.

Following the launch of the strategy in March 2022, the Circle brought together an Implementation Group comprising iwi/Māori owned organisations, private and public businesses, government agencies, research institutions and NGOs. As a group, they are tasked with the design, development, and delivery of the strategy's four strategic goals and 37 commitments.

The SAS Implementation Plan (SAS 3.0) has now been finalised and is set for delivery starting January 2023.

This plan is a culmination of eight in-person and online workshops and hui over July – November 2022 involving the team of 11 Implementation Group members. The plan utilises a process called adaption pathways, which is a framework for helping researchers and decision makers think about and visualise how decisions today play out over time to help identify critical intervention points. It is based on an understanding of thresholds, tipping points, decision triggers that guide decision pathways to stay within boundaries of acceptable risk.

Delivery will be driven through pilot studies for various species. By Oct 2023, we aim to have a wide suite of enabling outputs available for wider sector uptake (including maps, decision making guidance, carbon reduction targets and support tools).

The pilot processes will also help identify the common barriers and opportunities for adaptation action so we can set evidence-based priorities to address them. This will form the basis of our collaborative workplan in 2024.

We have set ourselves a target of 2030 to achieve the goals set out in the report. No one can tackle climate change in isolation, so to ensure this strategy is successful, we are looking for meaningful buy-in from those that participate in the seafood sector.

This includes working with the Implementation Group to collect the information, generate the plans and build the partnerships needed to effectively adapt our businesses, operations and management systems through a changing climate. Any company or organisation interested in joining the SAS mission should reach out directly



**Jodie Kuntzsch** 

Director - Implementation

## Seafood Sector Adaptation Implementation Group



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## Tourism Adaptation Roadmap

Across the motu there is strong ambition for an abundant regenerative tourism sector that ensures people, planet and prosperity are balanced. Where we look after and nurture Aotearoa, learning to live in harmony with Papatūānuku.

Working together, we have enabled a unique opportunity to stimulate discussion and consider the New Zealand tourism industry's path to climate change adaptation.

Ko au te Awa, ko te Awa ko au

I am the river, and the river is me

This has meant tapping into the expertise of our tourism providers and experts, government, iwi Māori and scientists over six months of visitor economy kōrero, resulting in a draft roadmap. This cross-section of people validates the content and provides confidence in the ability to bring the roadmap to life on the ground.

This will help pave the way to a tourism sector that is proactively planning for the future and building long-term resilience.

We have explored future scenarios. They share that a changing climate will make things harder – the questions for us is by how much. The scale of the challenge is down how we respond - we

can aim for rapid take up of regenerative practices or see a catastrophic decline in our natural environment.

Aotearoa New Zealand is unique – both its people and its places. Nothing is insurmountable when we know what we stand to lose. When we decide to move forward together, we move in leaps and bounds. Aotearoa can be a world leader in Regenerative Tourism.

We now have six agreed guiding Tiwaiwaka principles, developed by Rob McGowan, to keep us paddling the waka to a more regenerative tourism industry, these are:

- Papatūānuku is the source of all life
- We are not the centre of the Universe, we are part of it
- The mauri is the web of connections that sustains life
- People are not masters of the mauri; we are part of the mauri and embraced by it
- No individual person is more important than any other
- We give special care to the tiniest living creatures.

This has resulted in shared ideas to tackle our challenges that include courageous leadership, ensuring purposeful investment, advancing our knowledge, skills and capability, and making decisions that regenerate nature.

This work will continue as we progress discussions with the

sector in the first quarter of 2023, release the final roadmap for consultation in April, and establish an Aotearoa Circle in-house Implementation Lead and Implementation Group to see the actions in this report come to fruition.

This mahi will form a significant input to the Environment
Phase of the Tourism Industry Transformation Plan, in
its broader scope of supporting the tourism industry to
understand and respond to climate change (adaptation and
mitigation) and create positive environmental outcomes.

The desire from within the industry to embed meaningful sustainability into the future of tourism, so that the sector flourishes in the long term, has been nothing short of inspiring as we embarked on this journey.

We would like to thank our prestigious Leadership Group who with the significant help and expertise of Secretariat Annabell Chartres, Dr Victoria Hatton and team at PwC, have pulled together a pathway for systems level transformative change for the sector. With these actions being taken up, we forge a path to ensuring a sustainable, thriving industry that is ready for different iterations of climate change, whilst providing an enriched visitor experience where our green credentials are stronger than ever.

Hāpai te Mauri o te Whenua, Hāpai te Mauri o te Wai, Hāpai te Mauri o te Tangata

> When we build a life force, of land and sea, the people will thrive

#### **Co-Chairs & Secretariat**



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## Agri-Adaptation Roadmap

Agriculture is New Zealand's largest contributor to the tradable economy and is facing unprecedented levels of disruption due to more climate-change induced extreme weather events.

Using the expertise of our farmers, growers, government, iwi Māori and scientists, the sector is proactively planning for the future and building long-term resilience. Tracking into the new year, we come closer to finishing up the Agri-Adaptation Roadmap, (which focuses on dairy, forestry, horticulture, arable farming and livestock) to hand back to the sector as well as government.

Our farmers and growers experience first-hand that our climate is changing in more volatile ways, and with efforts primarily on mitigation, attention has now also turned to how the sector adapts to a changing environment.

The reasons to build adaptation into our collective decision making are compelling. New Zealand is projected to warm between 0.7 and 3 degrees Celsius by 2090 relative to 1995, dependent on how much we can drive down emissions. This will mean more frequent hot extremes, changes in rainfall patterns, and more storm surges. This presents a health and safety concern for workers and will result in severe disruption across the sector and value chain.

For many farmers and growers, this reality is already here. More extremes and disruptions are occurring right now, with increased rain, drought and frosts affecting different sectors at different times this past year.

Mapping out what the sector will look like in emerging climate change scenarios is so critical for working out how we plan. This roadmap will further New Zealand's understanding of how businesses, farmers, growers, and supply chains in agriculture may be impacted under different climate scenarios, and will leverage a cross-section of expertise to propose ways forward for the industry.

It will also provide a sector-wide data set that will be required to satisfy TCFD requirements, as well as providing support to respond to the policies and measures set out in the Government's National Adaptation Plan.

The actions stemming from this report will be held initially by The Aotearoa Circle, who will work with Partners, other businesses, industry groups and key stakeholders to ensure they are implemented across the sector. These actions will be designed to reach our objectives of achieving strong leadership, investment, and innovation.

With these actions being taken up, we forge a path to ensuring a sustainable, thriving industry that is ready for different iterations of climate change, whilst ensuring food security in New Zealand and resilience for our communities.

A huge thank you to the Leadership Group, as well as Secretariat Annabell Chartres, Dr Victoria Hatton and team at PwC for their work to get this roadmap to the finish line. Keep an eye out for the final report in March.

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# Agri-Adaptation Roadmap Leadership Group



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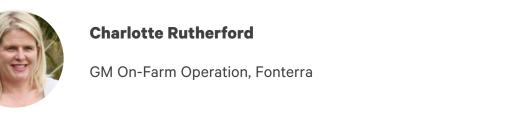
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## The Mana Kai Initiative

We are so thrilled to see the Mana Kai Initiative Purpose, Values and Actions documents released for the benefit of producers, growers, and eaters. This workstream was initially going to take 12 months but ended up taking 24 – it turns out that there's a lot to talk about when it comes to food!

And for good reason. Kai plays a huge role in Aotearoa. It serves as the economic backbone to our nation, but it can also enable our communities to thrive.

There is a clear shared agreement that New Zealand has an exceptional opportunity to create a specifically Aotearoa food system that we are all proud of, with tikanga, kaitiakitanga, and mātauranga Māori at the core.

The Mana Kai Initiative brought together leaders across the board to create a New Zealand where we strike a sustainable and fair balance within our food sector to enable economic prosperity, whilst also ensuring community wellbeing/hauora and a flourishing natural environment.

With the Mana Kai Initiative using a Te Ao Māori framework, we sought to build on the good will and hard work of our communities, iwi Māori and food sector experts, to collaborate and expand the good work already being done.

With agreement from those embedded in our food systems, we now have shared values, purpose, ambition and actions to enhance how we grow, distribute and eat kai for future generations.

The Mana Kai initiative is the starting point. Next comes more korero, and commitment to eight initial actions that continue our journey towards a balanced and thriving food system.

Actions include the establishment of a Mana Kai Pou, empowering community food access, accelerating food system research, elevating food in schools, revisiting the biotech conversation, ensuring healthy and sustainable eating guidelines, implementing regenerating farming pathways, and exploring food opportunities from resilient oceans.

These actions are by no means an exhaustive list, but an initial set of priorities that we invite you all to engage with. The Leadership Group also invites others to contribute their own actions that align with the Mana Kai framework, each of these individuals have played an invaluable role in representing their respective communities and areas

of expertise to enable Mana Kai to have a genuine whole-food-system approach.

We would like to thank KPMG, in particular Ian Proudfoot and Jack Keeys, as well as AGMARDT, who helped navigate this complex and at times tricky korero. We would also like to thank and acknowledge DNA who helped lead the dialogue process.

The Leadership Group has now gifted the Mana Kai framework, purpose and values report and priority actions to the food system. They will be a fundamental part of the next steps for Mana Kai, while also re-engaging with the rest of the food system to create a true Mana Kai movement.

#### He mana kai e toitū ai te ora o te ao

It is through mana kai that we gain long term sustenance for planet and people

#### **Co-Chairs & Secretariat**



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## Toitū Tahua: Centre for Sustainable Finance

The Centre for Sustainable Finance was established in mid-2021 to implement the Sustainable Finance Forum's 2030 Roadmap for Action. The Centre is governed by independent public, private, Māori/Iwi and community leaders.

Below is an overview of key activities undertaken by the Centre across its four priority Roadmap recommendations.

Roadmap recommendation 2: Raise capability in sustainable finance through education and training

Incorporate sustainability and tikanga concepts into the agenda of professional training programmes and qualifications

Provide education and training for directors, management and trustees

#### Highlights

In partnership with Deloitte, the Centre put a cohort of 30 directors through a four-part workshop series on Climate Governance, culminating in the publication of the Directors' Guide to Climate Governance, a toolkit reflecting local insights, international best practice and the New Zealand Climate Disclosure Standards.

Established the Aotearoa New Zealand Investor Coalition for Net Zero with Mindful Money and Investor Group on Climate Change (IGCC); produced a survey and webinars to track finance sector progress on net zero commitments, and convened investment professionals for the Net Zero Community of Practice, which meets regularly to share knowledge and best practice across asset owners and managers

Roadmap recommendation 3: Improve public and private sector governance for sustainability

Introduce a Stewardship Code for financial institutions and link this to the licensing requirements of KiwiSaver and managed fund providers

#### Highlights

Sponsored and supported the development of an industry-led Aotearoa New Zealand Stewardship Code for investors. The Code was launched in September with seven founding signatories. It will be independently governed, with a secretariat jointly supported by the Centre and Responsible Investment Association Australasia (RIAA).

Roadmap recommendation 8: Recognise that financial services and products are a utility and create an inclusive financial system

Develop guidelines and a better approach to coordination between service providers responding to customers in vulnerable circumstances

Crystallise informal public and private cross-sector collaborations to support customers in vulnerable circumstances, perhaps similar to 'The Thriving Communities Partnership' in Australia

#### Highlights

The Centre convened a cross-sector summit to secure community support for a Thriving Communities-style initiative, and established a pilot project aimed at improving access to essential utilities and financial services. This project

is the first phase of an Aotearoa New Zealand platform inspired by Thriving Communities Partnership.

Roadmap recommendation 11: Develop standards and pathways that encourage investments which deliver positive environmental, social and economic outcomes

Encourage collaboration and leadership in the private and public sectors, including Treaty Partners and stakeholder engagement

Develop standards for sustainable finance products and investments

#### Highlights

Made submissions on key domestic and international consultations related to sustainability standard setting, emissions reduction and adaptation plans.

Developed principles-based guidance and a working definition of impact investing in an Aotearoa New Zealand context, in partnership with PWC and the Impact Investing Network.

Collaborated with KPMG on the 'Mobilising Capital for Impact' report, which further highlights systemic blocks to financing the transformation.

Published the Sustainable Agriculture Finance Initiative (SAFI) data paper highlighting key considerations for developing data infrastructure in the agricultural sector.

Find out more about the Centre's activities in its 2022 Annual Report.

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