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## **Transport Sustainability**

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## Vision for Sustainability

- "New Zealand can aim to be the first nation to be truly sustainable - across the four pillars of the economy, society, the environment and nationhood. I believe we can aspire to be carbon neutral in our economy and way of life." Prime Minister Helen Clark

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## New Zealand context

- 4.2 million people
- 16 people per square kilometre
- 93,000 kms of roads
- Land transport funding mostly user pays
- Government in recent years has contributed from general taxation to meet specific transport needs

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## Emissions in New Zealand

- New Zealand's largest contribution to greenhouse gases are methane emissions from sheep and cattle
- 72 vehicles per 100 people
- 19% greenhouse gas emissions due to transport

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## Government leadership

- Biofuels sales obligation: 3.4% of petrol and diesel sales in New Zealand must be biofuels by 2012
- Considering changes to road user charges and motor vehicle registrations to encourage usage of lighter, cleaner vehicles
- New standards for vehicles imported into New Zealand
- FuelSaver website: allows comparisons between vehicle models on fuel efficiency and running costs

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## New Zealand Transport Strategy 2002

- Vision: "by 2010 New Zealand will have an affordable, integrated, safe, responsive and sustainable transport system."
- Increasing urgency to achieve that vision

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## Auckland focus

- Largest city with 25% of New Zealand's population
- Work underway to ensure Auckland is a world-class city
- Need to develop public transport, especially rail
- Looking at alternative means of funding

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## Government spending on land transport

- \$24 billion on land transport over next ten years
- Increased spending on public transport by 750% in seven years
- \$1.9 billion on public transport over next five years
- Further integration of rail and coastal shipping to help lower carbon footprint

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## Sustainability in road safety

- 2006 road toll lowest since 1960, with 390 deaths
- Goal for no more than 300 deaths by 2010
- Working with Australia on common initiatives

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## Collective response to sustainability

- Challenge to convince governments, business and people that there is a need for sustainable development
- Collective response required
- As well as political leadership, champions within economies needed to promote the cause
- Need to work together to share ideas and knowledge

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