

Waka Kotahi Sustainability Rating Scheme Policy

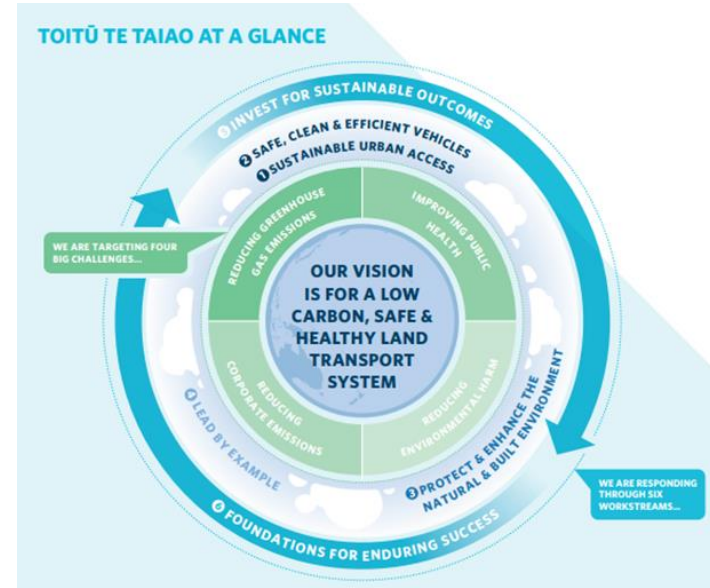
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Sustainability Drivers for Waka Kotahi

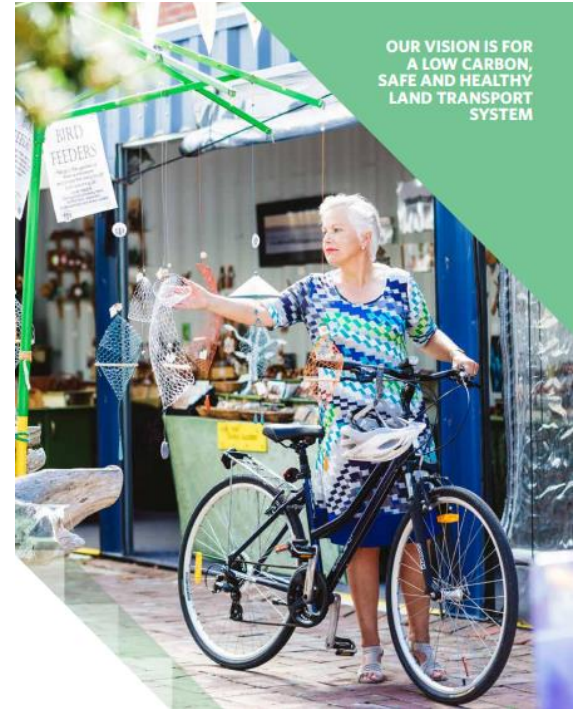
Mandate & Objectives

- GPS 2021 includes Environmental Sustainability as a key outcome:
 - Transitioning to net zero carbon emissions, maintaining or improving biodiversity, water quality & air quality.
- Waka Kotahi's Statement of Performance Expectations 2019 / 2020 sets out its Environmental Position as:
 - *We will responsibly manage the land transport system's interaction with people, places and the environment.*
- *Toitū te Taiao* sets out our commitment to environmental sustainability & public health in the land transport sector



Benefits of Sustainability Rating Schemes

- Drive Improved environmental, social, cultural outcomes
- Verification of performance (by an independent third party)
- Project teams are recognised for their achieved outcomes
- Communication of benefits (highlighting environmental and social outcomes)
- Raising the sustainability profile of projects and project partners
- Sharing of ideas at the project and industry level
- Innovation and greater environmental and social advancements
- For every \$1 spent on a project, \$1.6-\$2.4 in benefit is achieved.



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A LOW CARBON,
SAFE AND HEALTHY
LAND TRANSPORT
SYSTEM

The New Policy at a Glance



- All capital projects over \$15M are required to consider the merits of ISCA, and certify if practicable
- **All projects over \$100M are required to complete ISCA certification unless:**
 - Alignment with objectives and benefits demonstrates impracticality; and
 - The objectives of relevant environmental and sustainability policies can be agreed
- Projects not completing ISCA certification will need to demonstrate adherence to relevant policies, strategies, and standards including *Toitū Te Taiao*.
- Projects part-funded by Waka Kotahi will have to assess the merits of ISCA and align with sustainability policies
- Projects undergoing Greenroads certification to continue



What we want to achieve with the sustainability rating scheme policy

- Drive improved sustainability outcomes & best practice
 - Reduce GHG emissions – net zero transport system
 - Adapt to climate change
 - Optimise use of materials & resources
 - Reduce waste sent to landfill – zero waste thinking
 - Reduce environmental harm (ecology, noise, air)
 - Drive broader outcomes (social, cultural, heritage)
- Embed sustainability early & measure performance
- Work with industry to improve overall sustainability

