

# Coalition Government's Q3 Action Plan for New Zealand

1 July – 30 September 2024

## ✓ Rebuild the economy and ease the cost of living

1. Pass the second Local Water Done Well Bill requiring councils to deliver plans for financially sustainable water services, replacing the previous Government's Three Waters regime.
2. Take Cabinet decisions on a framework for city and regional deals.
3. Sign the new speed limit rule to reverse the previous Government's blanket speed limit reductions.
4. Take Cabinet decisions on legislation to support time-of-use charging to reduce congestion.
5. Introduce legislation to eliminate barriers to overseas building products being used in New Zealand.
6. Release the draft of the second Emissions Reduction Plan.
7. Take Cabinet decisions to establish a new National Infrastructure Agency.
8. Take Cabinet decisions on the scope of RMA and National Direction amendments to unlock development in infrastructure, housing, and primary industries, and drive a more efficient and effective resource management system.
9. Take Cabinet decisions on work programme to replace the RMA with a system premised on the enjoyment of property rights.
10. Take Cabinet decisions on the final design of the Government's one-stop shop consenting and permitting scheme, incorporating sensible changes suggested through the select committee process.
11. Pass the Resource Management (Extended Duration of Coastal Permits for Marine Farms) Amendment Bill into law to provide certainty to New Zealand's aquaculture industry.
12. Open the \$1.2 billion Regional Infrastructure Fund for applications to help reduce New Zealand's long-standing infrastructure deficit.
13. Begin public consultation on reform of the Holidays Act.
14. Take Cabinet decisions on legislative amendments to clarify the employment status of contractors.
15. Initiate the second regulatory sector review to identify and remove unnecessary red tape.
16. Take Cabinet decisions on new regulations to remove the GE ban and enable the safe use of gene technology in agriculture, health science and other sectors.
17. Gazette amendments to the National Policy Statement for Highly Productive Land to specified infrastructure and farming activities on highly productive land.
18. Take Cabinet decisions to amend requirements for farmers in certain areas to have certified Freshwater Farm Plans.
19. Begin consultation on changes to improve the efficiency and fairness of goods fees and border processing levies.

## ✓ Restore law and order

20. Launch a military-style academy pilot for serious and persistent young offenders.
21. Introduce legislation to toughen sentencing rules to ensure real consequences for crime.
22. Pass the Gangs Legislation Amendment Bill to give Police more tools to crack down on gangs.
23. Pass the Firearms Prohibition Orders Legislation Amendment Bill to provide Police with stronger powers to get guns out of the hands of criminals.
24. Pass the Corrections Amendment Bill to increase access to effective rehabilitation for prisoners on remand.
25. Introduce legislation to enable roadside testing for drug driving.
26. Pass the Courts (Remote Participation) Amendment Bill to improve efficiency in the courts and increase access to justice.
27. Take Cabinet decisions on proposed improvements to the Anti-Money Laundering and Countering Financing of Terrorism regime to ensure it is both workable and effective.

## ✓ Deliver better public services

28. Publish reporting on the Government's nine priority targets for the public service.
29. Publish an updated health workforce plan to address staffing needs across the health system.
30. Take Cabinet decisions on the programme business case, including cost-benefit analysis, for a proposed third medical school at Waikato University.
31. Release initial plan for progressing health targets, including faster cancer treatment, shorter wait times, and improved immunisation for children.
32. Open applications for new and converting charter schools.
33. Introduce second phase of initiatives to lift school attendance.
34. Release draft of the new Year 0-13 English and Maths curriculum learning areas and begin targeted testing with teachers.
35. Finalise the model for new Structured Literacy interventions for struggling readers (to replace Reading Recovery from Term 1 2025).
36. Take Cabinet decisions in response to the findings of the Ministerial Inquiry into School Property.
37. Introduce legislation to tighten controls on youth vaping.
38. Begin rollout of community Job Coaches to support 18-24-year-old Jobseekers to get off welfare and into work.
39. Finalise design of a Jobseeker Benefit Traffic Light System to strengthen jobseeker obligations and consequences for non-compliance.
40. Finalise the framework to ensure the independence of a standalone Children's Commissioner and strengthen the oversight of Oranga Tamariki.