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***Central and Local
Government Sustainability***

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Building a sustainable nation

- Sustainability is a leading issue for New Zealand in the early 21st century
- New Zealand is uniquely positioned to seize opportunities
 - Small and adaptive; pioneering and innovative
- Government's vision for a sustainable New Zealand - "six pack" initiatives



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“I believe New Zealand can aim to be the first country to be truly sustainable – across the four pillars of the economy, society, the environment, and nationhood” - *Helen Clark, 13 February 2007*

“Six Pack” Sustainability Initiatives

- MfE and MED lead six initiatives
 - Household sustainability (MfE)
 - Waste minimisation and management (MfE)
 - Towards a carbon neutral public service (MfE)
 - Enhanced eco-verification (MED)
 - Enhanced sustainable procurement (MED)
 - Business partnerships for sustainability (MED)
- These six flagship initiatives are part of the government’s broader sustainability agenda



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Journey to Sustainability

- Local government already active in the sustainability field and doing a great job
- Government support for local programmes and initiatives to accelerate sustainability
- Cooperative and collaborative approach
- Continued engagement between central and local government



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