

The research has been done, we know the climate is changing and how it may affect us, positively or negatively. It is time for the government and the citizens to take action. The government's challenge is to explore clean energy sources, educate the communities and convince businesses to buy into climate change and help to fund it.

For New Zealand, the important issues that need addressing also include water quality, coastal protection and native biodiversity.

The citizens' challenge is how to prepare themselves for the impacts of climate change. Start by asking these questions - 1) Are you ready 2) Adapt your property for future weather events 3) Prepare for extreme weather.

Planning now will make it easier for everyone to successfully adapt to the changes in the future.