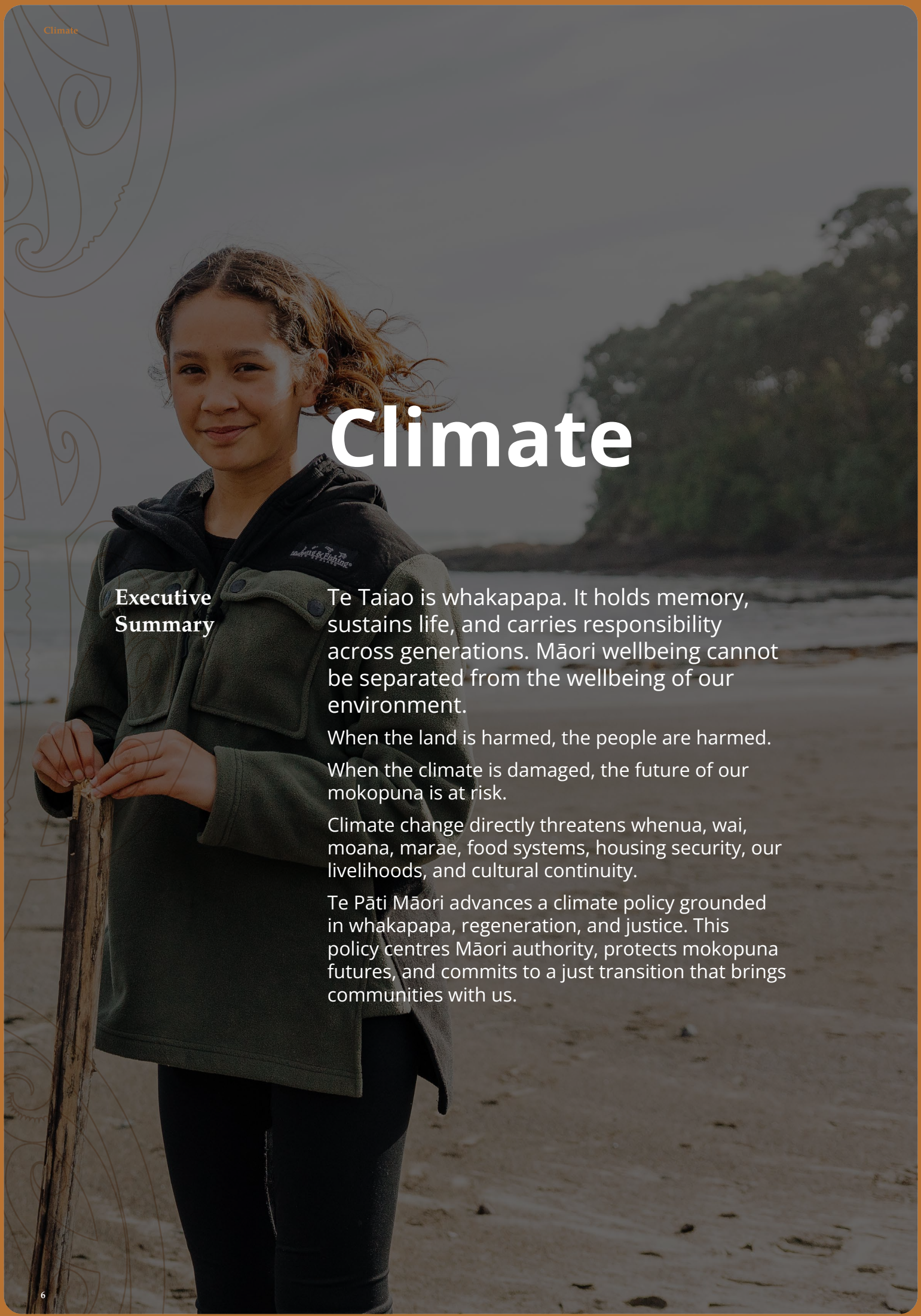


Climate

Executive Summary

Te Taiao is whakapapa. It holds memory, sustains life, and carries responsibility across generations. Māori wellbeing cannot be separated from the wellbeing of our environment.

When the land is harmed, the people are harmed.

When the climate is damaged, the future of our mokopuna is at risk.

Climate change directly threatens whenua, wai, moana, marae, food systems, housing security, our livelihoods, and cultural continuity.

Te Pāti Māori advances a climate policy grounded in whakapapa, regeneration, and justice. This policy centres Māori authority, protects mokopuna futures, and commits to a just transition that brings communities with us.

Context

Aotearoa is already experiencing the impacts of climate breakdown: intensified storms, flooding, drought, coastal erosion, and the collapse of life sustaining ecosystems.

Māori communities are disproportionately affected due to historic land loss, environmental dispossession, and underinvestment in infrastructure and community resilience. Marae, papakāinga, and whenua Māori are often located in areas most vulnerable to climate impacts yet remain distant from the structural decision-making that affects them.

Climate change is not a future threat but a lived reality that must be navigated through indigenous solutions grounded in tikanga and mātauranga Māori. It demands radical system-wide transformation. We must restore the balance between people and the natural world and recognise Māori authority as essential to meaningful climate action.

Our Position

Te Pāti Māori affirms that:

- Climate justice is inseparable from social justice
- Māori authority is critical to effective climate action
- Mokopuna futures must guide present-day decisions.

Our climate policy is grounded in regeneration rather than extraction, restoration rather than exploitation, and collective wellbeing rather than private profit.

We reject climate responses that sacrifice communities, entrench inequality, or protect polluters. A just transition must uplift whānau, protect workers, and restore the mauri of our lands and waters.

Te Pāti Māori will...

1. Ban Sea-bed Mining in Aotearoa

- End new oil and gas exploration and phase out existing extraction.
- Withdraw existing oil and gas permits (on and offshore) within five years and decommission sites within 10 years.
- Begin immediate planning and resourcing for decommissioning.
- Support workers and communities through a just transition.

2. Repeal the Fast-Track Approvals Act

- Retrospectively revoke all fast-tracked mining consents.

3. End mining on conservation land

- Including reserves and Significant Natural Areas under any new conservation, local government and resource management systems.

4. Establish a $1 billion Pūngao Auaha Fund

- Retrofit marae, kura, papakāinga, and housing with solar energy and insulation.
- Support Māori-led community energy projects.
- Transition Māori-owned businesses away from coal and gas.

5. Invest $300 million in Mātai Ahuwhenua

- Support Māori farmers to transition to regenerative agriculture.
- Phase out synthetic fertilisers over five years.
- Protect soil health, waterways, and biodiversity.

6. Support climate adaptation and resilience in Māori communities

- Resource marae and hapū as resilience hubs.
- Strengthen flood protection, water security, and accessibility to local food systems.
- Ensure climate responses are locally led and culturally grounded.

7. Stand in solidarity with Pasifika whanaunga

- Advocate internationally for climate justice.
- Support adaptation and relocation strategies led by Pasifika nations.
- Honour whakapapa connections across Te Moana-nui-a-Kiwa.

8. Allocate $100m to fund a Māori National Service Defence framework

- to give hapū, iwi and urban Māori organisations the same access, resources, and infrastructure as local government in the wake of natural disasters.

9. Establish a $100m Māori Taiao relief Fund

- with an immediate focus on rebuilding and cleaning up marae, urupā and papakāinga impacted by environmental causes.

Our Commitment

Te Pāti Māori is committed to climate justice that restores balance, protects life, and honours our responsibility to future generations.

We will not trade away whakapapa for profit, nor sacrifice mokopuna futures for short-term gain. Climate action must be led with courage, integrity, and care; grounded in tikanga, guided by Mātauranga Māori, and accountable to communities and future generations.