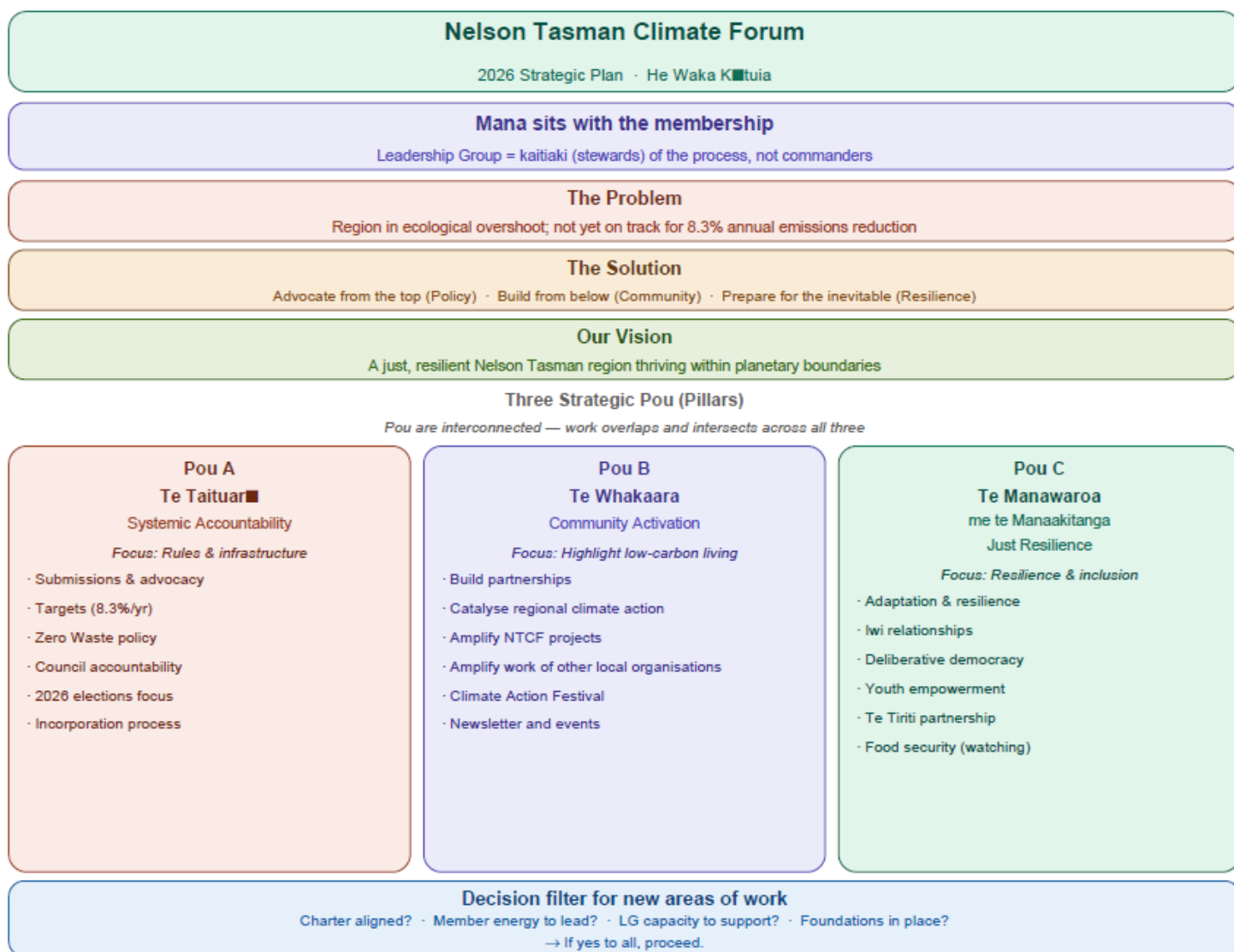


Nelson Tasman Climate Forum - Strategic Plan 2026

Graphic Summary of Strategic Plan (prepared by Claude AI)



Strategic Plan for 2026

The proposed Strategic Plan for 2026 is structured within the [NTCF Charter](#), [He Waka Kōiuitua: The Leadership Group's Strategic Framework](#) and the [NTCF Theory of Change](#). It consolidates the 15 diverse focus areas from the [2025 Strategic Plan](#) into **3 interconnected Strategic Pillars / Pou** - for the purpose of focusing staff and Leadership Group efforts. For 2026, the process of Incorporation will absorb time and resources of both staff and Leadership Group members.

The Problem: Our region is in ecological overshoot (including rising climate impacts, water pollution, loss of natural resources, species extinctions, excessive consumerism); and is not yet on track for the necessary mitigation (e.g. 8.3% annual emissions reduction), adaptation (e.g. planned resilience), or just transition (upholding the mana of our communities).

The Solution: We drive change by advocating from the top (Policy) and building from the bottom (Community), while preparing for the inevitable (Resilience). The NTCF is a role model for other regions across the country.

1. The Strategic Pillars (The "Pou")

These Pou are our foundation and don't stand independently; they are linked and overlapping, like the roots of a tree.

Pillar / Pou A: Te Taituarā (Systemic Accountability)

Focus: Supporting the system to change rules and infrastructure.

- **Logic:** Individual action is not enough; we need systemic shifts in Transport, Waste, Energy, Education and Land Use. We achieve this by holding NCC, TDC, and Central Government accountable to their targets.
- **Consolidates:**
 - Targets
 - Submissions & Advocacy
 - Zero Waste Policy (Joint Waste Plan).
- **Priorities for 2026:**
 - Support NCC in implementing the target of reducing our climate emissions by 8.3% per year. Advocate for the 8.3% target to be adopted by TDC
 - Highlight the importance of climate action and environmental protection in this year's election
 - Focus on ensuring that the Forum's foundations (processes, policies, financial system, ect.) are solid for long-term sustainability.
- **Tactical approach:**
 - Focus on revision of Council's Spatial Plan, Built Environment Plan, plus Long-term Plans, using research carried out by the Targets Group
 - Make this, and the elections, a focus of the Climate Action Festival and monthly comms.

Pillar / Pou B: Te Whakaara (Community Activation)

Focus: Catalysing Community Climate Initiatives and Celebrating a Low Carbon Lifestyle

Logic: A number of organisations across our region are engaged in Climate Action - let's amplify their voice. We must model low-carbon living to show it's possible and desirable, creating a social license for bold policy. The NTCF is a role model.

- **Consolidates:**
 - Our current relationships with aligned organisations.
 - Take The Jump (The core behavior change campaign)
 - Swap One (Shifting to low-carbon transport)
 - Travel Friendly (Shifting to low-carbon school transport)
 - Repair Cafés (Practical waste reduction)
 - Nature & Climate (Snowdon's Bush, etc.)
 - Lighthouse Aotearoa (Youth Climate Education)
 - Outreach & Events (Climate Action Festival)
- **Priorities for 2026:**
 - Build and nurture relationships with other organisations aligned with climate action to catalyze impact.
 - Enable and amplify the Forum's projects throughout our actions during the year
 - Build a sense of connection and support amongst Forum members
- **Tactical approach:**
 - Collaborate with the Forum's projects and other local organisations on the Climate Action Festival
 - Diversify funding streams for projects and the forum's core budget
 - Monthly newsletters
 - Be cognizant of volunteer wellbeing and capacity
 - Host Forum get-togethers either formally (e.g. Hui) or informally (e.g. celebrations and picnics)
 - Host online webinars during the year
 - Build newsletter sign-ups and membership numbers.

Pillar / Pou C: Te Manawaroa me te Manaakitanga (Just Resilience)

Focus: Ensuring all beings survive and thrive together as the climate changes.

- **Logic:** Mitigation is too slow to stop all effects. We must build a social fabric that includes everyone, honoring Te Tiriti, strengthening democracy, supporting intergenerational wellbeing, and protecting the vulnerable during shocks.
- **Consolidates:**
 - Iwi Relationships & Partnership
 - Adaptation & Civil Defence Connection
 - Youth Empowerment & Education
 - Food Security (Watching Brief: the Forum is *interested* in this space but will not actively resource it until a champion steps forward).
- **Priorities for 2026:**

- Build iwi relationships and partnerships
- Work on a deliberative democracy process with local government.
- Be responsive to changes in the world around us that impact NTCF's mission - for instance the 2026 Fuel and Energy Crisis.
- **Tactical approach:**
 - Kanohi ki te kanohi meetings with the iwi Trusts and Runanga followed by marae event
 - Advocate for actions where all voices are included and heard
 - Advocate for continuation of the Climate Change Learning Program.