20 YEARS
of sustainable business

Sustainable Business Council

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2019

JANUARY
To date, legislation has been passed for a further 56 Treaty of Waitangi claims, or 71 in total. 43 claims remain outstanding.

APRIL
Paid leave now available for victims of domestic violence

MAY
Zero Carbon Bill introduced to Parliament

MAY
Sustainable Business Council celebrates 20 years of helping businesses be the best for New Zealand

20 YEARS SBC

2018

OCTOBER
Aotearoa Circle formed

JULY
Climate Leaders Coalition formed

26 weeks

APRIL
Paid parental leave increased to 26 weeks

2017

DECEMBER
Environmental, Social and Governance Reporting included in NZX Corporate Governance Code

MAY
Government announced Electric Vehicles Programme - goal of reaching approximately 64,000 electric vehicles on our roads by the end of 2021

2016

APRIL
New Zealand signs the Paris Agreement on climate change, committing to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 30 per cent below 2005 levels by 2030

2015

SEPTEMBER
New Zealand signs up to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals

SDG

2013

AUGUST
Same-sex marriage legalised in New Zealand

2012

JANUARY
Merger of NZBCSD and BusinessNZ Sustainability Forum to form SBC

2011

JULY
Pure Advantage formed to promote green growth

MARCH
BusinessNZ Sustainability Forum formed

2009

JANUARY
By this time, legislation had been passed for a further 13 Treaty of Waitangi claims.

SEPTEMBER
Mandatory product stewardship introduced under the Waste Minimisation Act 2008

2008

DECEMBER
New Zealand Government ratifies the Kyoto Protocol

JANUARY
Emissions Trading Scheme established

OCTOBER
Sustainable Business Network established

AUGUST
Global Reporting Initiative releases guidelines

2002

JULY
Government introduced 12 weeks' paid parental leave

JULY
Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority established as a Crown Entity

2000

MAY
New Zealand Business Council for Sustainable Development (NZBCSD) formed

MARCH
New Zealand Biodiversity Strategy launched

1999

JANUARY
By this time, legislation had been passed for 2 Treaty of Waitangi claims.