

Leaving a gift in your will



Why donate to 350 Aotearoa?

The climate crisis is happening faster than we thought, and fossil fuel companies are to blame. Fossil fuel companies are determined to build as many new fossil fuel projects as they can, locking-in decades more of carbon emissions, and taking away our freedom to define our own future. They are using their influence and their money to stop or slow down any progress on climate action.

Across the world, people are joining to dismantle the power of the fossil fuel industry, cut their funding, and stop fossil fuel projects in their tracks. 350 Aotearoa is mobilising communities to stand up to coal, oil, and gas projects and demand their human right to a safe and healthy planet. Young people and frontline communities are at the forefront of this fight, and are supported by a wider climate justice movement.

We recognise that the most effective way we can stop the worst impacts of the climate crisis is by keeping fossil fuels in the ground. In order to do so, we need to stop the flow of money that enables fossil fuel projects to go ahead. Support from 350 Aotearoa donors and volunteers has enabled us to stand up to the fossil fuel industry to cut off the finance and stop new coal, oil, and gas projects in New Zealand and internationally. We've campaigned over 15 major institutions in Aotearoa to divest from the fossil fuel industry, including our major banks, universities, religious institutions, city councils and KiwiSaver funds. Together we're turning the tide against the fossil fuel industry and building a just, equitable fossil free future for all.

350 Aotearoa is part of an international movement of ordinary people working to end the age of fossil fuels and build a world of community-led renewable energy for all. Here's how:



A fast & just transition to 100% renewable energy for all

Accelerate the transition to a new, just clean energy economy by supporting community-led energy solutions

No new fossil fuel projects anywhere

Stop and ban all oil, coal and gas projects from being built through local resolutions and community resistance.

Not a cent more for dirty energy

Cut off the social license and financing for fossil fuel companies — divest, desponsor and defund.

We recognise 350 Aotearoa supporters are making invaluable contributions towards a safe climate and a better future - a just, prosperous, and equitable world built with the power of ordinary people.

Hear more from some of our supporters:

"Grassroots activism that works. Holding large companies and the government to account."

- Helen

"I have been concerned about the potential effects that humans have on the climate since the 1970s. Then the effects were confirmed. Despite this there has been very little effective action. 350 Aotearoa is an organisation that is clearly focused on the issues and taking actions that reduce climate changing emissions. That is why I support 350 Aotearoa."

- Peter

"I feel great supporting a focussed, consistent team of people who have a specific set of goals that they are achieving. Often it can feel that climate action is hopeless but 350 gives me hope!"

- Anonymous

Your support will enable us to keep leading ambitious campaigns that move us towards a more just, sustainable Aotearoa and send ripples of impact that stop the growth of fossil fuels internationally.



Our Vision

We believe in a safe climate and a better future - a just, prosperous and equitable world built with the power of ordinary people.

Our Mission

By growing and broadening the climate movement, we build people power to challenge the vested interests that are blocking action on climate change, while amplifying the voices of indigenous and frontline communities.

Our Values

We believe in climate justice.

We're stronger when we collaborate.

Change will come from the grassroots and movement-building.

We're bold, creative and strategic.

We are transparent and accountable.

Types of Bequests

Pecuniary Bequest

A bequest of a specific sum of money.

Residuary Bequest

A bequest of the residual of a donor's estate and includes all property that the will-maker has not specifically disposed of; For the purpose of this standard, and as set out in the definitions section, an organisation is a beneficiary if it receives a bequest from a donor.

Specific Bequest

A gift of an identifiable part of a will-maker's estate. The executor's duty is to preserve the legacy as far as possible, and he or she should not sell the specific asset to pay debts unless forced to. A specific legacy may be a thing (i.e. "my blue BMW"), or a group of things (i.e. "the whole of the stock in trade in my garage business"), or even money if specifically described (i.e. "all the moneys standing to my credit at the Bank of New Zealand").

Contingency Bequest

A gift in general terms of an asset, not necessarily money, which the executor is bound to provide, either out of property of the will-maker's estate answering the description or, if there is none or not enough of this property, by purchasing the thing bequeathed out of the will-maker's personal estate. If the general legacy is of money, and there is insufficient money available in the estate but there are assets available for payment of legacies, then the executor must realise sufficient of these to pay the legacy.

Recommended Wording

We have set out below some sample clauses, which may be useful to your lawyer:

- Pecuniary Bequest - "I give and bequeath the amount of \$____ to 350 Aotearoa."
- Percentage Bequest - "I give and bequeath ____% of the total value of my estate to 350 Aotearoa."
- Residuary Bequest - "The residue and remainder of my estate, both real and personal, wherever situated, I give and bequeath to 350 Aotearoa to be used as the Board of Trustees directs."
- Specific Bequest - "I give and bequeath to 350 Aotearoa the sum of \$____ to be used for the _____ (specific campaign, purpose, etc.)."

If you decide to use this clause, it would be prudent to also add a contingency clause saying:

- Should this program no longer be needed, the bequest may be used as the Board of Trustees determines.
- If there are any future unexpected changes to 350 Aotearoa as an organisation - If at the time of distribution, any institutional beneficiary never existed or has ceased to exist or has amalgamated with another institutional beneficiary or has changed its name or objects, then any provision for it in this will shall not fail and I declare that, notwithstanding the particular form of the bequest, my paramount intention is to benefit a general charitable purpose and my Trustees may in their absolute discretion pay the bequest to the institutional beneficiary that my Trustees consider most closely fulfils the objects I intend to benefit.

Please note that the above clauses are samples only and you should obtain your own legal advice on these matters. Everyone's circumstances are different and your estate planning needs to be tailored accordingly.



FAQ

- **Do I need to tell you about my bequest?**

You're not obliged to tell 350 Aotearoa about your bequest. However, we would love to know about your intention to leave us a bequest so that we can acknowledge your generosity, thank you while we're able to, and ensure we're sending you relevant communications - if you want us to! If you do decide to let us know, you're also under no obligation to let us know the value of your bequest.

- **Will 350 Aotearoa still stand when it comes time for my will to be executed?**

We certainly hope so! However, organisations can come and go. So you can add an additional clause that specifies you want your bequest to be given to a climate justice cause in the case that 350 Aotearoa no longer exists ensures your wishes are honoured. We have included a sample clause as part of our recommended wording to account for this event. You can discuss this further with your lawyer.

FAQ Continued

- **Can my bequest be recognised specifically?**

We're open to all discussions on how your bequest can be acknowledged and are more than happy to work with you and your family on this. We will also respect if you would like to donate your bequest quietly without acknowledgement.

- **Do I need to tell my family?**

Although you're not obliged to tell your family that you intend to leave a bequest to 350 Aotearoa we do suggest that you consider your family in your plans. Bequests can be challenged by your family if they don't feel adequately provided for. Think about the amount you wish to leave so that it is not likely to be contested, and discuss your intentions with your family where possible.

- **What if I already have a will?**

You could include a gift to 350 Aotearoa by adding a Codicil. We recommend you have your codicil reviewed by your lawyer.



Thank you.

Thank you for being part of our movement for positive change. No matter how big or small, with a gift in your will to 350 Aotearoa, you can help to create a brighter future for Aotearoa. Your special support allows us to achieve so much more and leaves a lasting impact on the fight for climate justice.

