

# Easy read summary

## A report about how the Scottish Government is set up to deal with climate change



## What is this report about?



**Climate change** means that the world is generally getting warmer because people are doing things like using oil, gas and coal for their homes, factories and transport.

This produces gases that make the planet heat up.



The world getting warmer means that people all over the world will experience more extreme weather events like big storms and flooding, and food might be more difficult to buy.

Lots of these things will happen in Scotland too.

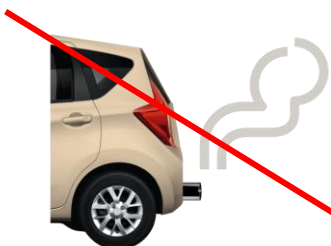


It is important that everyone acts to protect our planet.

Lots of countries have agreed to greatly reduce the amount of harmful gases we produce.

This is called **reducing emissions**.

**Reduce** means to have less.





The world has also agreed to take action so that we can cope with all the extreme weather, floods and food shortages etc which are already going to happen.

This is called **adapting to climate change**.

## What is the Scottish Government doing?



The Scottish Government has said that there is a climate emergency.

They have set **goals** to stop climate change getting worse.

A **goal** is what they are working towards.



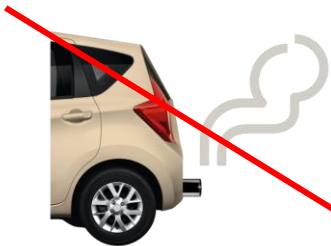
Scotland has big plans to help everyone get better at coping with the problems that climate change will bring.

To do this the Scottish Government must do the right work at the right time.

## What work needs to happen?



The way the Scottish Government is set up to deal with climate change has got better but there are things missing.



The Scottish Government needs to:

- do more to quickly reduce the harmful climate change gases Scotland is producing
- pay more attention to stopping the damage that climate change is already doing to Scotland.



They need to get better at reporting what they are doing so that the right people and groups in the Scottish Government know what work is happening.



They need to collect and share better information so that different people and groups in the Scottish Government know if work is happening quickly enough.



The Scottish Government need to make sure they have enough people with the right skills to achieve Scotland's climate change goals.

## Managing risk



The Scottish Government and other experts have said that it is very likely that Scotland will not reach its climate change goals.

This means there is a **high risk** that climate change goals will not be met.



The Scottish Government needs to have good **risk management processes** in place.

This means understanding the things that might stop progress and having plans to deal with them.



This also helps the people in the Scottish Government who make decisions about climate change, to have all the information they need.



The Scottish Government has already made some improvements.

A lot more work needs to be done to make sure that they have good plans in place that are properly managed.



It is very important that these improvements are made as quickly as possible.