

Priorities for the Northern Ireland Environment



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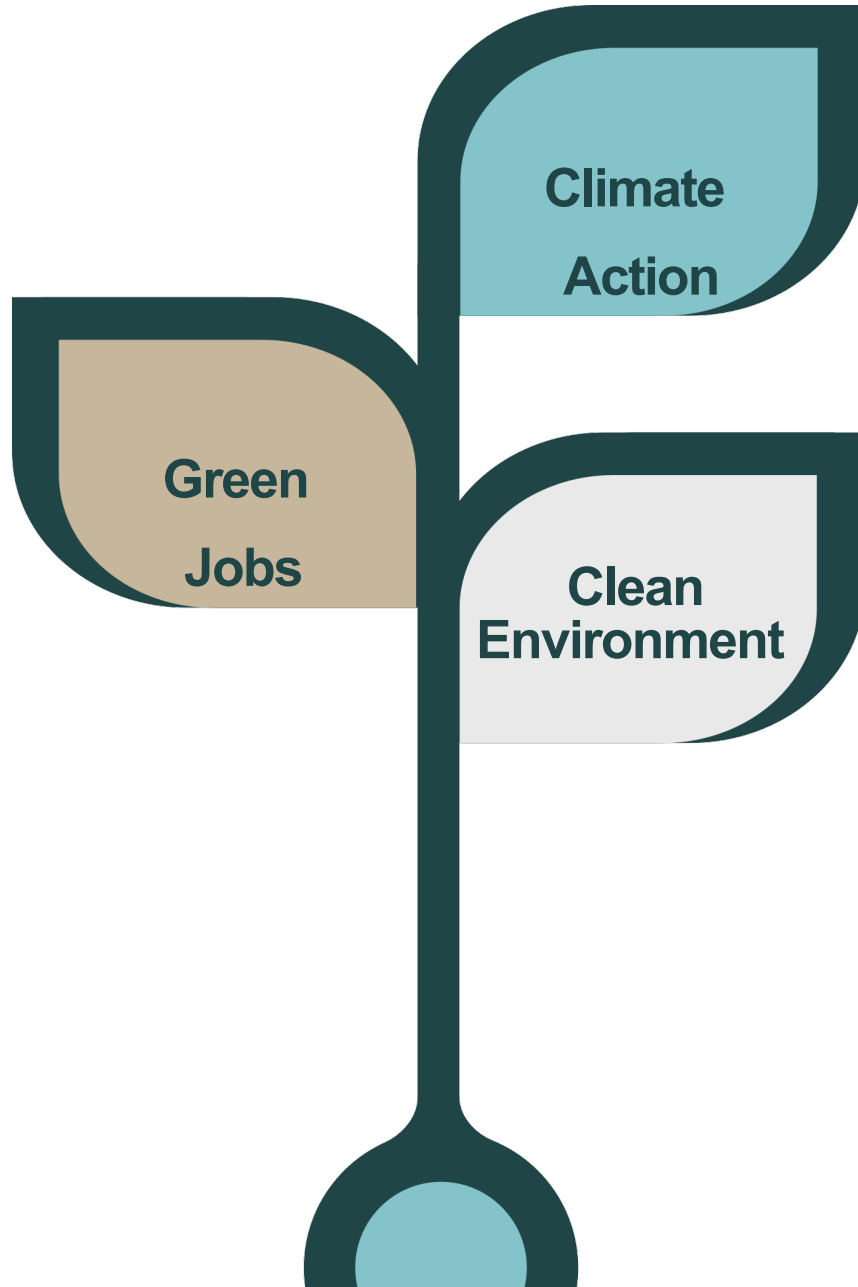


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DAERA's vision:

**Sustainability at the heart of a living, working, active
landscape valued by everyone**



Climate Action

Reduce greenhouse gas emissions through adaptation and mitigation measures.

Green Jobs

Develop a low carbon, inclusive, skilled workforce and a strong circular economy.

Clean Environment

Quality built environment, clean air and water, more sustainable land use, improved habitat and greater biodiversity.

Executive Climate Change Bill for Northern Ireland



- Introduced to the NI Assembly July 2021, and undergoing legislative passage
- A Bill, that is evidence-based and science-led
- Sets an ambitious target of at least 82% net emissions' reductions by 2050 –a separate Private Members Climate Change Bill, with a 2045 net zero target, is also passing through the Assembly
- Delivers NI's equitable contribution to UK Net Zero and the Paris Agreement
- Requires deep emissions' reductions across all sectors
- A strong legislative driver for NI Executive policies



Excellent air, water, land & neighbourhood quality.



Sustainable production & consumption on land and at sea.



Healthy & accessible environment & landscapes everyone can connect with & enjoy.



Zero waste & highly developed circular economy.



Thriving, resilient & connected nature and wildlife.



Fair contribution to UK net zero greenhouse gas emissions & improved climate resilience and adaptability.

Northern Ireland Peatland Strategy 2021-2040

Consultation Document 2021



New Soil Nutrient Health Scheme for NI



Stella Meehan

Oct 27, 2021, 4:15pm



Farm businesses are already taking practical steps to help reduce emissions and tackle climate change, according to Northern Ireland Agriculture and Environment Minister, Edwin Poots.

DAERA's work to develop a Northern Ireland Clean Air Strategy is well underway ✓



DAERA and the Department of Health revised our joint High Air Pollution Alert Protocol ✓



Circular Economy

- Extended Producer Responsibility for packaging and a deposit return scheme for drinks containers
- Plan to Eliminate Plastic Pollution in development
- Removal of unnecessary plastics from the government estate
- Consultation on reducing our consumption of single use plastic cups and takeaway food containers



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Environment Act



JUSTICE



PROTECTION



IMPROVEMENT



Office for
Environmental
Protection

**NI Policy Statement on
Environmental Principles**

**Environmental
Improvement Plan**

A scenic landscape photograph featuring a large, white, multi-story building complex with many windows and chimneys, situated on a green hillside overlooking a bay. The bay has a sandy beach and is surrounded by green fields and trees. In the background, there are large, rugged mountains or cliffs under a clear blue sky. The text "Thank you" is overlaid in the center of the image.

Thank you