

**Make a will,
save the world**



**How to leave a gift to
Greenpeace Aotearoa in your Will**

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A Humpback whale breaches off a reef in the Southern Great Barrier reef on its Southern Migration to the seas of Antarctica.
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*We are custodians of our planet for but a moment in time.
We inherit the Earth from our ancestors and in turn hand it on to our children.*

Leaving a gift to Greenpeace in your Will is a very special act of generosity and foresight. Through these kinds of gifts Greenpeace campaigns will go further to seek solutions to problems that communities and environments will face in the future.

Almost all of us have the capacity to defend and protect the future of our world through a gift in our Will. Every gift, however small or large, is gratefully received. Each one makes a difference to Greenpeace and the future of environmental activism. In addition, a gift of this type from you will mean your memory and ideals live on.

After you have taken care of your friends and family, please consider a gift to Greenpeace in your Will, and protect this fragile earth and all who call it home long into the future.

In May 2010, 40,000 people march against the New Zealand Government's plans to mine thousands of hectares of prime conservation land, including National Parks.
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We hope you find the information in this booklet useful. It includes practical details you and your legal advisor will need about including a gift to Greenpeace in your Will.

If you have any questions or would like to have a confidential, no-obligation conversation about leaving a gift to Greenpeace or what it could help to achieve, please call: 09 630 6317.

Thank you again for sharing the hope of a greener, more peaceful future.



Why leave a gift to Greenpeace?

Greenpeace takes action to safeguard our planet and ensure a peaceful and sustainable future for the next generation. Thanks to Greenpeace supporters there have been many important environmental successes over the years. Here are just a few:



- 1975** The end of French nuclear testing in the Pacific
- 1982** Commercial whaling is banned worldwide
- 1987** Following a prolonged public campaign, two years after the bombing of the Rainbow Warrior, New Zealand declares itself nuclear free
- 1992** Worldwide ban on large-scale driftnets
- 1993** A dumping convention bans radioactive and industrial sea dumping
- 1998** World Park Antarctica is created
- 1999** The use of toxic PVC in children's toys in Europe is banned
- 2007** Plans to re-fire Marsden B coal powerstation are abandoned
- 2011** An agreement is reached to end destructive logging in Canada's Great Bear Rainforest
- 2014** Shark finning ban in New Zealand waters
- 2018** No new offshore oil exploration in New Zealand waters
- 2019** Plastic bag ban in New Zealand
- 2021** Royal Dutch Shell is found liable for damaging the climate

There'll be lots more to do in the future, but we will need the help of passionate and caring people to do it all.

The Greenpeace ship Rainbow Warrior touring the Norwegian sea to promote the establishment of a network of marine reserves

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How a gift from you will make a difference:

In order to maintain our independence, Greenpeace does not accept funding from governments or businesses. Instead, we rely solely on gifts from dedicated supporters to fund environmental campaigns.

By pledging a gift to Greenpeace in your Will, you will take action to help this world flourish for generations to come. Your decision will fund environmental activism long into the future.

A rescued baby orangutan plays at the Borneo Orangutan Survival Foundation. The clearing of the land for palm oil is a threat to orangutans and other wildlife whose natural habitat has been destroyed.

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There are a few different ways you can include Greenpeace in your Will

Leaving a gift to Greenpeace in your Will is a powerful way of helping to pass on a green and peaceful future to the next generation. Although there are many ways to include Greenpeace in your Will, three of the easiest gift types are:

1. A percentage:

This is often regarded as the most flexible and effective way to give. You don't need to adjust the value of your gift over time to account for inflation, or any changes to your total assets.

2. A residuary:

This is a gift of whatever is left in your estate after you have taken care of your loved ones.

3. Fixed amount (or a specific sum):

Whilst a fixed amount means you are able to declare the size of the gift you want to make, it can also mean you want to change it over the years to account for inflation or changes in your circumstances.

Sample wording to leave a gift to Greenpeace:

To leave a gift to Greenpeace in your Will, please note it is important that you use our full legal name: Greenpeace Aotearoa Incorporated.

"I give Greenpeace Aotearoa Inc. (currently registered with Charity Services Ngā Ratonga Kaupapa Atawhai with registration number CC58459)% of my estate OR the rest and residue of my estate OR the sum of \$.....(fixed amount) for the purposes of Greenpeace Aotearoa Inc. and particularly including in support of campaigning for the climate and biodiversity. I declare that this gift shall be free of any tax or probate or estate duties payable upon or in consequence of my death, and the receipt of the Executive Director, Treasurer or another authorised officer of Greenpeace Aotearoa Inc. shall be sufficient discharge to my executors."

To ensure your wishes are met it is important that you speak to a legal advisor.

Thank you

If you make the generous gesture of putting a gift to Greenpeace in your Will, we would like to thank you properly for your thoughtful intentions. So, please let us know - we promise to not make too much of a fuss. We would like to send you an acknowledgement and keep you up to date on the work that Greenpeace is doing.



We are very grateful to those who have made this thoughtful decision

“Having an awareness of every action you take on the planet, having a voice for the planet, and encouraging those around you to do the same is vital” - Barbara Shaw

Barbara has lived in Thames for 2 and a half years now, transitioning away from the big smoke of Auckland city to a more peaceful surrounding. Both she and her husband Leo, who sadly passed in 2020, are long-term activists for the environment and social change. They've both been involved in activism with the Springbok Tour, anti-mining and Nuclear protests. As early supporters they always valued the environmental work being achieved by Greenpeace, and their support was cemented even more strongly when the Rainbow Warrior was bombed. Barbara included a gift to Greenpeace in her Will because she believes it's important to continue to support the work Greenpeace does to protect the planet as her final legacy. By doing so she is creating a green and peaceful future and will always be remembered for making a lasting difference.



Celebrating a good old lefty, Pauline Fraser, 1916 - 2009

Born in 1916, Pauline grew up in an idyllic village in England. Her upbringing was one of profoundly Christian and traditional English conventions. Whilst at Oxford University, in the 1930's, she developed an enthusiasm for left-wing politics and as her ideas changed she saw radical alternatives to the status quo.

Pauline came to New Zealand at the end of 1950, and for 50 years she lived overlooking the Manukau Harbour. She once said that moving to New Zealand was the best decision she had ever made.

She said she had truly become a New Zealander when she came to feel that the wee wooden neo-gothic churches dotted all around the country were not just amusing and cute, but beautiful and perfect in their place.

A truly generous person, Pauline remained committed to her ideologies throughout her life. As a citizen of the world, she was concerned about our planet and strived to do good in progressive ways. From the 80's, she actively supported Greenpeace and left a generous gift in her Will. This gift has made positive change possible for a world Pauline cared deeply for.

Pauline made the generous decision to leave a gift to Greenpeace in her Will.



Thank you.
Your thoughtful intention to include
Greenpeace in your Will
will change the world.

Greenpeace is an independent global campaigning organisation that acts to change attitudes and behaviour, to protect and conserve the environment and to promote peace.

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