



**James Shaw**

James Shaw is a New Zealand politician and co-leader of the Green Party of Aotearoa New Zealand. Born in Wellington, he attended Wellington High School from 1985 to 1990, where he represented the school in underwater hockey. After graduating from Victoria University of Wellington, he made his first foray into politics in the 1992 Wellington local elections, running on a Green ticket. He later moved to London, living there for 12 years before returning to New Zealand in 2010. While in the UK, he completed an MSc in Sustainability and Business leadership from the University of Bath.

Before being elected to Parliament, Shaw worked in the consulting division at PricewaterhouseCoopers and as a consultant for HSBC on environmental awareness programmes. He was first elected as a Green Party list representative in the 2014 general election. In May 2015, he was selected as the party's male co-leader. Following Metiria Turei's resignation in August 2017, Shaw briefly served as the sole leader of the party. As sole leader, he relaunched the party's campaign and introduced a climate policy that included the goal of net-zero carbon emissions by 2050, the establishment of a Climate Change Commission, and a Kiwi Climate Fund. After the 2020 general election, he was re-appointed as the Minister for Climate Change in a cooperation agreement with the Labour government.

Shaw was re-elected in the 2017 and 2020 general elections, and also in the 2023 general election as a list MP. In January 2024, he announced his resignation as co-leader, a role he formally left in March. He retired from Parliament in May 2024 having seen his members' bill on the right to a sustainable environment through its first reading. Since leaving Parliament, he has joined several firms, including Morrison & Co and Greenbridge Capital Management, and serves on advisory panels for Air New Zealand and the New Zealand board of the World Wide Fund for Nature.