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Understanding the sustainability opportunity among NZ consumers

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Source: Better Futures 2023 Q: How concerned or not are you about the following issues in New Zealand? NB. Each respondent was shown 20 out of 48 concerns at random – effective reach n= 423 So, despite this ongoing increase in aspiration, it is clear to see that affordability is dramatically capping NZ'ers sustainable commitment

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### Perceptions of the green premium are not just a perception





### In a global study, the extent of this gap between aspiration & ability is very clear

94%

of people want to live a sustainable lifestyle

But only...

13%

of people are actively changing their behaviour

Source: Kantar Sustainability Sector Index 2022. Q26 Out of the below statements, which ones would you be willing to do all the time, if it was easy, accessible and there was nothing stopping you from doing it? Q27 And how frequently do you do any of these activities? (Most of the time and All the time). n =1011

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# In NZ, the relationship between values & actions clearly shows that all behaviours are undertaken less than consumers believe they ideally should be

Sustainability actions done vs. importance of actions



The key to closing the gap is to understand why people don't act in accordance with their beliefs, and in NZ, there are five key barriers to greater sustainable & ethical behaviour



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Source: Better Futures 2022

# Removing barriers and fuelling the change both have an primary role to play in closing the gaps among NZ consumers



Fuel the change

Cement the new behaviour

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Q: Thinking about CATEGORY which of the following will make the greatest difference to you making more sustainable or ethical choices. Please rank your top 3, where 1 would make the most difference n = 2003 The key implications are outlined below – firstly all businesses now face a fundamental choice...



...between Eco-Actives who over time are becoming the mainstream...



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Is this approach however slowing down market development?

Actives have been growing over time, and will soon be past the point of being a targetable minority – they and their values are becoming mainstream

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### ...and the frustrated mass market who are widely not having their needs met



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All behaviours are undertaken less than consumers believe they ideally should be

There is widespread consumer frustration at the narrow range of affordable or accessible options

People want to do better, yet consumers' unmet needs are being failed at scale

### Making this choice needn't mean a long-term reduction in returns



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Premiums can and will still remain – as they do for any brand in demand – but a larger commercial opportunity is being ignored through a commercial myopia upon the conscious consumer

And it's not just the opportunity cost of what you're not doing, there are clear reputational risks of doing nothing

# Such a change in focus also requires a fundamental rebalancing of a consumer's experience of a business



The gap between the ideal and the actual is significant among consumers, and so the focus must be on removing barriers and fuelling the changes – not simply talking about your credentials and achievements.

Most commonly, this involves communicating that...

The costs vs. the<br/>benefits of any purchase<br/>have improvedMy actions will make a<br/>positive differenceIt's easy to collect the<br/>info to make better<br/>choicesSustainability &<br/>affordability are not<br/>opposites