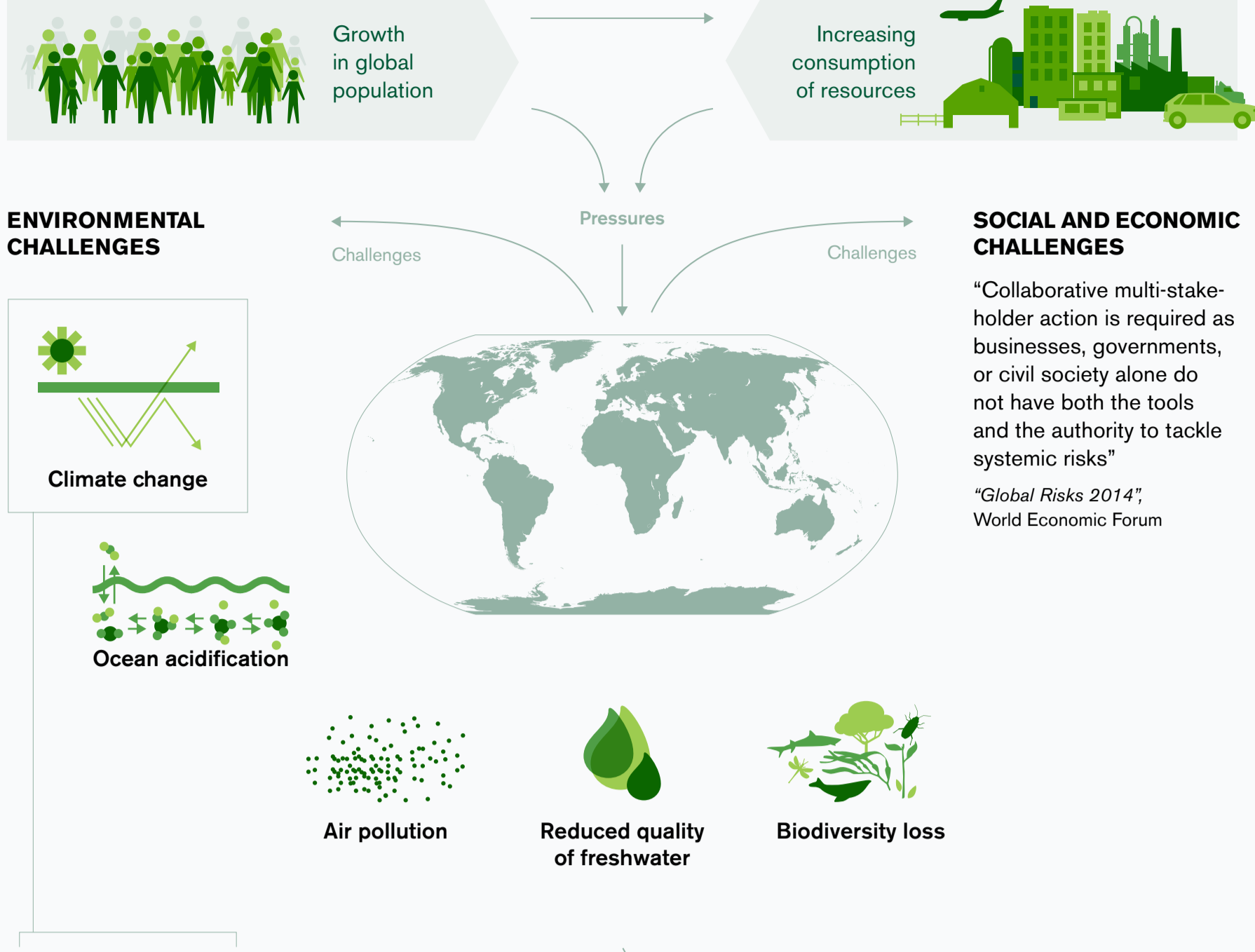


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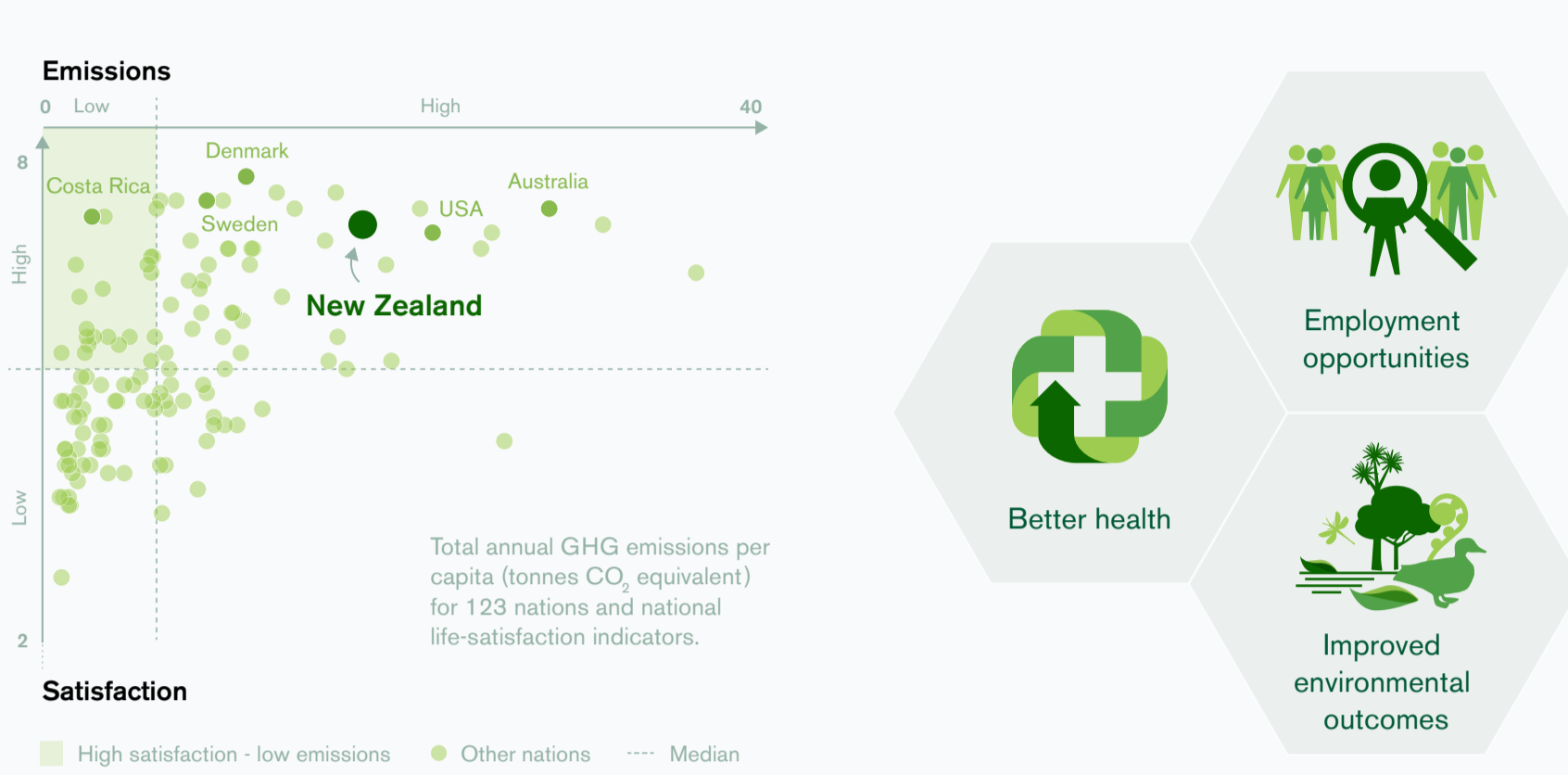
The world has entered a new era, the Anthropocene

Human consumption patterns have become a significant influence on the global environment



Lowering emissions will require changes in patterns of production and consumption, but need not result in reduced wellbeing.

A green economy can generate positive co-benefits such as...



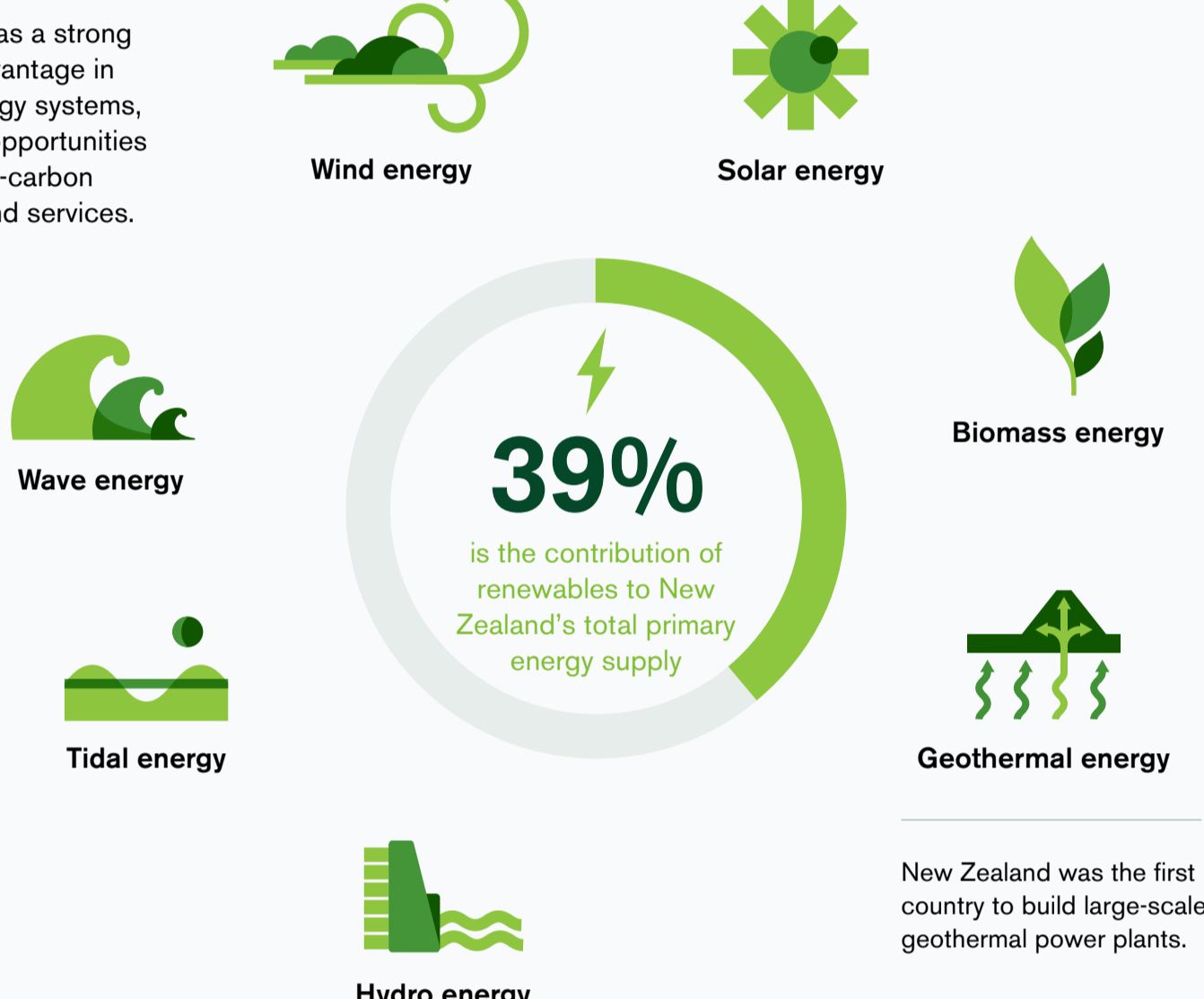
Global costs involved in a low-carbon transition would be minimised by early action, whereas the cost of the investments could triple if action were delayed to later decades.

New Zealand has great potential

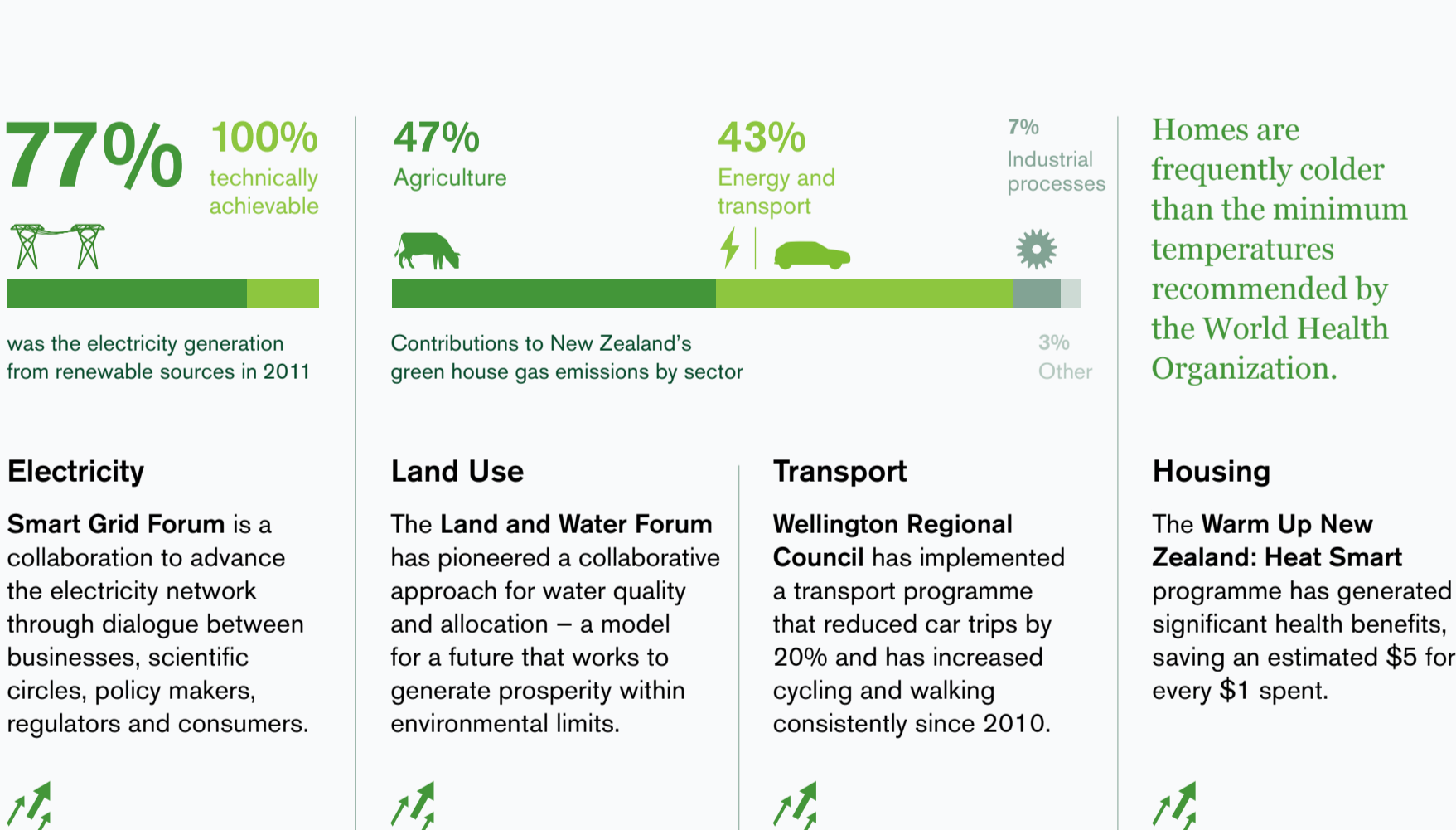
and is well positioned to accelerate from current initiatives to a green economy

ABUNDANCE OF RENEWABLE ENERGY

New Zealand has a strong competitive advantage in renewable energy systems, and has many opportunities for growing low-carbon technologies and services.



Advancing and finding solutions — research and innovation in different sectors



New Zealand's historic track record for developing innovative technological solutions is a strength that can help implement the transition.

A vision for a resilient and prosperous future

Implementing change in New Zealand



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