

Carbon Zero submission

It is scientifically accepted that increasing levels of greenhouse gases are responsible for climate changes.

Climate change is already happening and this will stress not just human societies but the whole ecosystem of the planet.

It is likely that many species of plants and animals may not be able to adapt and become extinct.

This will not just reduce biodiversity and the resources we have at our disposal but I submit it is immoral. We humans are privileged to share this ecosystem with all the other species and have no right to act in ways that will cause such level of harm to our partner species.

In essence we are on the verge of committing the worst crime imaginable.

We need to act with urgency to slow down and halt global warming because it seems likely that storms and droughts are becoming more frequent and severe. These events cause financial strains for the societies suffering them and reduce the energy and resources available to make the necessary changes to our power generation, agriculture and transportation systems necessary.

If we take action now to achieve the carbon zero target it could even lead to improvements in our lifestyles as well as give us opportunities to export our expertise. New Zealand has the innovative skills and energy to lead the world and not only have we got the moral imperative to do so but we can benefit ourselves, the rest of humanity and the whole ecosystem of living things by striving to be carbon zero as rapidly as possible

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