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-----Original Message----- From: Darragh Sent: Thursday, 28 June 2018 9:54 AM To: Climate Consultation Subject: Carbon emissions It is totally wrong for New Zealand to have a target of reducing carbon emissions to zero. Where is the scientific evidence that supports that man made carbon emissions cause climate change, and that any changes in our climate are anything other than the natural climatic changes that occur and have been occurring over the history of the world. What evidence is there that New Zealand farming or horticulture is contributing to man made climate change. Where is the evidence that shows that New Zealand farming and agriculture with its mainly grass based dairy, beef and sheep farming is anything but carbon neutral as the huge carbon sink that our green grass in our pastures together with our urban lawns, gardens and road verges creates must offset the emissions from the farming sector. New Zealand is unique in being so green and also surrounded by vast oceans that are also a huge carbon sink with all the plankton that absorbs carbon. New Zealand does not have the large regular occurring wild fires that other countries like Australia and America have that emit vast quantities of carbon. The minuscule amount of carbon emissions that New Zealand contribute in comparison to the volcanic activity that occurs world wide each year shows that endeavouring to create a carbon free N.Z. Would not have any significant effect even if it could be proved that carbon emissions do create climate change. Bryan Darragh