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I was advised this email is where I can make my concerns known.

Whilst I am an advocate for anything that keeps our planet clean, I also have to consider the cost, personal stress, and inconvenience.

I am passionate about our country, and maintaining it in a clean state for the future and now.

However: I am extremely concerned about this extreme bill.

- CO2/Motor vehicles. Whilst I agree in concept with the idea of reducing emissions, I do not see any practical suggestions. Electric cars just move the pollution from one place to another and greatly increase the cost of motor vehicles. I'd like to offer the suggestion that the most immediate, and effective change you can make is to reduce the number of vehicles on the road. I work mostly from home. I use my car about once a week to go to the office for a meeting and to attend to essentials. Why doesn't society embrace work from home? I guess the answer is that it's a social issue. People are trained to expect to go to an office, and they have become socially adjusted to this. I suggest strongly that changing the perception of society to a Work from home concept would be the greatest change you can make. There are other ways to reduce the number of cars on the road. For example, why does every mom have to deliver and pick up the kids to school? We as a society are obsessed with the Central services model. WE should make the necessary adjustments to a distributed model.
- Inconvenience and cost. The Zero Carbon Bill will create a vast bureaucracy: A Climate Change Commission, 'emissions budgets', climate change adaptation plans, and emissions targets. Who pays? The answer is you, me and all the other workers. Why does NZ have to do this at all? What will we achieve? In the big picture we could only make a .00001% change. Who cares? DO you think that China and the rest of Asia, the USA, India, Europe will pat us on the back and give us concessions for this? NZ is just a tiny windswept island in the southern ocean. WE will have zero influence, and close to zero impact.
- Cost to our economy. This idea clearly targets Farmers. Does anyone stop to think about the economic consequences? Farming is number one for NZ and that is not likely to change in the foreseeable future. IN industry and Technology is lost for ever. The huge cost of labor and compliance in NZ has made us totally incapable of competing in anything but a few niche markets.
- Animals. While it's true all animals produce methane (including us) the plain fact is that we need food, and Dairy, sheep are very effective at this. IN reality the carbon footprint of animals is zero. Why are we targeting them? Is this all driven by a vegan minority?
- Costs. Here I just quote Muriel Neuman's words, because I cannot think of a better way to express it. NZ is already grossly over governed. Over the last 20 years or so radical changes driven by the eastern European block have invaded our lives. The Emissions Trading Scheme, James Shaw's proposed Zero Carbon Bill will create a costly nightmare of red tape and bureaucracy that will waste time and money, drag down the economy, and destroy businesses and jobs - without having any impact at all on the climate. The Zero Carbon Bill should be suspended - indefinitely! The cost of compliance, PC, Excessive regulation, and Grossly excessive taxes has ruined our life.

In conclusion, I feel that this bill is just paying lip service to the problem, and is being driven by a few extremists with impractical concepts.

The problem of pollution in general is the problem of Europe, Asia, India, Eastern Europe, the Stan countries. Why are we paying a fortune in New Zealand to promote an insane and ineffective idea that just puts money in the pockets of wealthy people?

This entire idea is wrong, and unfair on us - the average working class. This Carbon tax and Emission trading concept should be put in the rubbish can where it belongs. If you want to have an impact and bring about change, then focus on doable cost free solutions such as promoting work from home.

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