

Subject: Submission on the Zero Carbon Act via Forest & Bird website

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Dear Ministry for the Environment,

I believe in a net-zero carbon future for New Zealand. We need to make dramatic reductions in our emissions to keep climate change limited to 1.5 degrees and ensure our precious native plants and animals are protected. Nature is our taonga and we cannot exist without it. We must act together.

The key things I support in a Zero Carbon Act are:

- target for net-zero carbon emissions by 2040 should be in the Act.
- The emissions from transport, industrial activity, agriculture, and all other sources should be included in the target. Even 'short-lived' gasses can have a huge effect on our climate and need to be reduced.
- Emissions budgets should be at least as important as fiscal budgets, and the Government should set plans to achieve them.
- An independent Climate Change Commission of experts should monitor emissions and give advice to keep New Zealand on-track for its emissions reduction goals.

My details and further comments on my submission:

Submitted values are:

First Name

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Last Name

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Is there anything you'd like to add?

I feel very strongly that New Zealand has a duty to do its best and take on a leadership role in this matter. I believe fully embracing zero carbon emission will stimulate innovation and, in the longer term, will serve New Zealand as the country will end up with a modern, efficient, economically and environmentally viable industry compared to those countries (including superpowers like the US) who choose to do less or nothing. Those countries will be left with aging and obsolete assets, processes, and systems. Going down the zero carbon route is therefore not only our moral duty, but also a strategic economic position. New Zealand has an unprecedented opportunity to place itself in a morally and economically advantageous position - we should not waste this opportunity.

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No

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No

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