

**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:

**Is there anything you'd like to add?**

The NZ Government already knows very clearly that half of NZ emissions are from animal agriculture, with the biggest being dairy. This must be where the changes occur first.

Help for those involved in this whole sector to transition to alternative ag. or other industries is essential and will have the biggest positive impact on our environment.

The Independent Climate Change Commission is an absolute must, with the panel being made to fully disclose their background and ties or associations with any industry to ensure there are unbiased influences, and no biased protections of business sectors.

This opportunity to put in place real and meaningful legislation to address our emissions and provide my children, grandchildren, family, friends and community with a planet which will continue to be able to support their existence is of huge importance to me.

As an aside, encouraging the New Zealand human population to substantially increase their consumption of plant based foods will improve health outcomes and significantly reduce the growing burden on the sick care sector.

We only have one planet to call home and are currently not taking great care of it. There is no planet B

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Yes

**I would like Forest & Bird to contact me about future campaigns and other matters of interest**

No

**If you are under the age of 18, please check this box**

No

**Under 18s: Does your caregiver give consent for you to make this submission?**

No

Submitted on Sun 15 Jul 2018