

**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**

Tom

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

These matters are increasingly becoming painfully necessary and obvious to all thoughtful people. Please act in the best interests of us all, now!

**Please ask the Ministry for the Environment to withhold my name and personal details from public posting**

No

**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 Mon 16 Jul 2018