

**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?**

Emphasis on reduction of emissions towards the target from quick wins relating to incentivising electric vehicle ownership/car sharing e.g. tax exemptions on EV purchases, waiving of road tolls, reduced or staggered registration schemes, free parking, business-specific incentives.

Public transport and national rail infrastructure should be transitioned to zero carbon as soon as possible.

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

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

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