

## Zero Carbon Bill consultation submission

19 July 2018

Dear MfE,

I submit in full support of Generation Zero's 46-page submission in response to the Zero Carbon Bill consultation questions.

Further to the recommendations made by Generation Zero, I wish to emphasise the following:

1. It is imperative that the Zero Carbon Bill is developed in partnership with iwi and hapū. I submit that the Government must pay particular regard to input from Māori on the Zero Carbon Bill, that policy and legislative developments are informed by Māori worldviews and the Crown's duty under Te Tiriti o Waitangi to actively protect Māori rangatiratanga over their own interests.
2. Public education in relation to climate change will be a crucial factor as to whether or not we meet our mitigation and adaptation goals. Indeed, it is today's students who will need to develop the necessary skills, capacity and know-how to drive us to zero carbon in a 30-year timeframe. This investment in New Zealand's people – our greatest asset – must start now. Accordingly, the importance of education within an overarching climate change plan should be explicitly recognised (whether as a principle, outcome, or mandatory consideration) in the Zero Carbon Act. There may also be merit in explicitly requiring the independent Climate Commission to serve a public education function. The UK's Committee plays a de facto educational role by virtue of its advisory and watchdog functions, but could, I submit, provide even more value by being explicitly required to consider the educational impact of its material. This would complement, rather than compromise, its primary functions.

Yours,

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