

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:

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Is there anything you'd like to add?

- New Zealand should implement an all gases / all sector approach if we are to truly address climate change. There exist too many loopholes otherwise. We need everyone on level terms here, and as such, we'll garner respect internationally from such an approach.

- At the VERY LEAST, government should be required to formally respond to the Climate Change Commission advice. In an ideal scenario, giving it some control over the NZ ETS policy and operations would be beneficial.

- Above all, though, the Climate Change Commission must be allowed to build a reputation for independent (and scientific) advice. "Nothing should get in the way of that" (Baroness Brown, CCC UK)

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