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Submission

This submission opposes the Zero Carbon Bill as proposed. The current document includes no real economic analysis of the likely impacts of this proposed Bill.

There is recognition that the Bill will impact on some sectors of the economy the most, with no detail on what these sectors are. It all likelihood these sectors are likely to the most productive and that generate the most wealth for this country – the primary industries.

The discussion document forecasts a significant increase in the price of carbon as part of the consequences of the Zero Carbon Bill. This is forecast to increase to anywhere between $75 and $840 a unit.

This represents a significant increase in cost of energy for any number of consumers that include; hospitals, schools, dairy factories, freezing works and food producers. Yet there is no detail on how these increased costs will be dealt with.

It appears that the consultation process is not really consultation at all, with the government agenda firmly set.

This submission requests the following:

- A full economic impact assessment be carried out by independent experts on the implications of this bill on the New Zealand Economy.
- No formal targets for emission reductions are set until there is certainty in the Paris Agreement.
- The New Zealand carbon market is opened up to credible international carbon units.