To whom it may concern,

We have to do as much as possible to make a real positive change.

I would like to feel that the Government is serious about acting on climate change. It appears there is only the intent to do the bare minimum so it only seems to be doing all it can or just what it believes it can get away with. The Government continues to argue its totally discredited point of view that climate action will be too expensive, yet it does not consider the economic and environmental costs of doing nothing.

A change determined purpose is needed to make the most of the opportunity to not only help the world health, and take advantage of the enormous financial and job creation benefits of moving towards a cleaner, safer future. Please, as Government, talk about real climate action. Take a tangible action within New Zealand and demonstrate that the Government intends to take climate change seriously.

A real climate action plan would include:

- Commit to have 100% renewable electricity within 10 years
- Shut Huntly coal and gas fired power station by 2020
- Phase out all subsidies for fossil fuels like coal and deep sea oil drilling
- Ban deep sea drilling and fracking for oil and gas in New Zealand.
- Develop a low carbon action plan to ensure that by 2050 all areas of energy (electricity, heating, transport and industrial use) come from clean energy sources instead of fossil fuels.
- Reform the electricity markets by guaranteeing priority access to the grid for renewable power generators.
- Shift the unnecessary $12 billion road building programme to investment in smart rail and public transport infrastructure such as the Auckland City Rail Link.
- Prioritise the import and infrastructure needs (e.g. fast charging points) for hybrid and electric vehicles.
- Introduce incentives to harness the enormous potential in plantation wood waste to sustainable transport fuels. It has been estimated that this could create tens of thousands of jobs in the forestry sector and help reduce our oil imports bill by $7 billion each year.
- Make the Emissions Trading Scheme more stringent so that it works, enabling industry to move away from polluting energies.
- Implement policies to incentify ‘low input’ farming methods that are proven to reduce pollution and increase farming profits.
- Prioritise geothermal projects to realise enormous export opportunities in our geothermal industry, which could be worth up over $4 billion a year to the economy.
- Promote New Zealand as an international centre of excellence for developing and trialling ocean energy technologies.

Without a real action plan to reduce climate pollution, the Government risks damaging our global reputation and wrecking our economy. But most importantly, they are denying New Zealanders the cleaner, smarter and safer future that we all deserve.

Please take notice of people who have good suggestions of what can be done. Perhaps your "in place consultants" may not be the best to listen to.

Sincerely,

Margaret Meechang