

SUBMISSION TO ETS REVIEW

Over the last six months it has been distressing and embarrassing to be a New Zealander as we have watched our political leadership attend the Paris Climate Change Conference and the Signing in New York seemingly only for the photo op. since our contribution to the most serious problem humankind has faced during our time on this fragile little planet, the changing of the climate, has been pathetically inadequate.

The ETS should never have been a trading opportunity of finding the cheapest option to enable us to argue that we have fulfilled our obligations to the rest of mankind. Our obligation is to lower our emissions not to indulge in buying fraudulent credits from obviously dubious sources. Whatever the ETS does it should tax carbon and credit carbon sinks, i.e. our forestry industry who have been seriously discouraged from planting new forests by the Government's policies under the current ETS.

The Government must develop a plan to meet our emissions reduction targets along the lines of the very good advice they have received in the last weeks from the Royal Society; Pure Advantage, and the many groups that I am sure have contributed worthy submissions to this review.

Ideally the targets, plan, tools and monitoring should be overseen by an independent committee reporting to Parliament as per the UK Climate Change Act.

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