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Submission on the Emission Trading Scheme Consultation -Taranaki Energy Watch Inc.

Taranaki Energy Watch submits that the Emission Trading Scheme (ETS) be repealed, and a carbon tax or fee be considered for the following reasons.

1. The ETS has not reduced greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. There is no evidence that the ETS has contributed to a decrease in GHG emissions. To the contrary there has been an increase in GHG emissions in New Zealand.
2. The ETS should not be the key tool used for reducing emissions.
3. Carbon credits give permission to pollute, whereas carbon taxes or fees penalises polluters and incentivises them to reduce their GHG emissions.
4. A carbon tax or fee system would be simpler and more transparent. Polluters would pay a fair price for their emissions to the government to support sustainable, low carbon initiatives.