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Also... please ^{make} EVs accessible sooner. 2035 to
can fossil fuel vehicle imports is too late.

Can we please hold the grocery industry

accountable for the amount of wasteful
packaging used for transport + sale
of food? And can we move to more
ethical clothing production to reduce
energy usage?

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We punch above our weight and lead the world. Our Treaty set the stage for better bicultural relations (though we have a way to go on that one!) We were first to give women the vote. We contributed to the global fight against tyranny in WWI & WWII. We took a stand against nuclear weapons and we are leading in the fight against COVID-19. It's hard - but we must do the right thing! I support this ambitious action, and more if necessary - so that my children and their descendants can grow up free of massive climate change impacts. I also support policies that protect the vulnerable. Please make sure that those who can't afford the transition are well supported. Thanks,

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I support the basic concepts of all the proposals.
I fully support doing all we can to minimise effects in a fair and reasonable manner

I also encourage producers of packaging to actively promote reuse where possible putting forward innovative ideas e.g how to make useful articles from bottles (plastic) such as to cover young plants, hanging baskets, trinket containers, garage storage - nuts and bolts and many more - not everything should be only on-line - people need easy access to info. Teach good practice from a young age. I have been brought up to not waste anything.

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Dear Climate Commission,

I wanted to write to show my full support of the proposal being set forth.

We must make a drastic change FAST to ensure our & our children's future, & I believe that the proposal will help NZ move towards a positive future.

Many thanks,

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*I can send these comments as an
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RESPONSE TO CLIMATE COMMISSION'S DRAFT ADVICE – MARCH 2021.

I appreciate the Climate Commission's document on climate change, based on knowledge of science, economics and the NZ population. I support the call for immediate *action across all sectors (employment, industry, business; education and health; rural and urban; recreation and culture, etc.)*.

Strong decisive action is needed to reduce carbon emissions, to reach revised targets from the Paris agreement. The aim to make NZ a low-emissions country, and still prosperous, is positive and valid, achievable with national commitment and change.

We should not shy away from industrial forestry and planting trees as part of the general effort to lower emissions. The report modelling shows that existing tools can be developed to address climate change, to decarbonise the economy, while continuing to grow GDP.

To achieve equitable action, the Government must undertake changes, with centralised planning and an appropriate budget for a low-carbon economy. Some communities will require support in the transition. Certain public services will be susceptible to change (transport, waste disposal. Landfills, etc.).

We often speak of 'well-being'; it is now imperative to promote 'well-doing'. It is our *responsibility to hand on, enriched, that which we have received in our lifetime, in our country*. NZ has an international role to play in this global transition.

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I would like to thank & congratulate the Climate Commission on its draft report to the Government.

NZ leads the world in a number of areas, as shown by the handling of the Covid pandemic. Following Covid we must change the way we have been living to ensure that our grand children & future generations can enjoy life in Aotearoa New Zealand.

As has been said on many occasions, we must be kinder to each other & our natural heritage

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We support a just transition. Those that are most vulnerable in this transition need to be supported. As a society, we need to look out for individuals, communities and businesses that are most affected and support them in the transition to a low carbon economy. For many families and communities where gaps exist in employment opportunities, affordable housing or access to education, the focus on climate change impact will not gain the attention it needs until the basic living needs to achieve happy and healthy lives are met. Lessons can be learnt from overseas where historically, countries in the global north have wanted to focus on environmental matters above the basic living needs of countries in the global south where hunger and lack of housing are experienced.

Climate change alone is but one of the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals to be achieved and the interconnection of the goals must be considered holistically in preparing the future plan of action.

There are several areas where the Climate Commission report has not focused such as on the reduction in the use of plastics yet this is a core component of waste in landfill.

There is also a focus on reducing farming impacts through reduced farming of sheep and cows but the consequences of that on our national income have not been specified.

There are some ambitious goals regarding diversification of transport means with more walking, more cycling and use of public transport. These are all to be applauded but do require capital investment in transport infrastructure such as the extension of rail and bus networks.

Much of the change is proposed to be through government regulations yet change in this area is most successful when it is a combination of the individuals and communities, markets and the governments working together. Investment in education about how to achieve change in transport modes by individuals, more sustainable waste practices and energy use in homes is required to work in tandem with government regulations.

Finally, there is little comment on the forecast population growth of New Zealand. Our population has increased rapidly in the past decade and from a sustainability perspective we need to be considering what our future population size can be whilst also achieving these goals.

We realise that everyone is going to have to make changes to achieve the outcomes we need. We have already started doing that by moving from commuting into Wellington each day in a private vehicle from the Hutt Valley to using the more efficient train public transport as one example as well as changing our practices in relation to home waste management. We are very willing to play our part and we support the action that this takes.

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Reducing cow & sheep numbers is a bad move. Farming is the backbone of NZ's economy we need meat, wool, milk cheese etc. The world's problem is cutting down trees. Previously there was no climate change when the universe was covered in forests. Now we are losing native animal species losing their habitats. Banning gas heating & banning petrol driven vehicles is not the answer.

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It is important that the climate action transitions are just. They must however, ~~and~~ also be timely and not superficial. We have made some small steps, the next steps that can make the most impact should be implemented very soon eg. separating organic waste from other waste and not placing them in landfills.

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I support this proposal fully because
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Alleluia

Amen

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I see a gap between these person freedom to live independently and the structure that could support them, an example would be access to public transport and persons to help those who cannot carry grocery bags from the shop to whatever public transport is available then to their home.

Will there be paid helpers or cheaper taxis to help such persons? Presently there are such services but the only those with enough money can afford to hire the services.

There are many incidences that will arise for the persons I have mentioned, providing these simple services should not totally fall on the shoulders of volunteers to help the vulnerable continue to be part of the society they are familiar with and the independence they have at present.

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I really appreciate the current work of the commission - Thanks
I believe that we can do more than this as
a nation. That we have a responsibility to
play our part in creating a place that
is still beautiful to live for our children.
I recognize that ~~those with larger incomes~~
~~large~~ changes can create pressure on
those who cannot financially meet these new
ways of living. Support for these people would
be an important aspect to plan for.
We need to ensure we do what we
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I am encouraged that leadership in NZ has put forward
a plan in the zero carbon act ^{with the work of the commission.} I am encouraged that
I can add my voice in support of all those working to
this end. ~~I am trying to~~ ~~to~~ ~~live~~
~~that~~ Roadmaps like this one encourage us all
to look at concrete ways we can reduce emissions
in the ways we live. I am making changes in my own life, ^{walking}
^{more, composting} ^{small} ⁱⁿ ^{transitions} ^{collectively} ^{significant} ^{but}
I believe the roadmap needs to include ways
to support those in petrol related industries, ^{of aspects}
of farming, to transition to ways of working that
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