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Kia ora [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 23 May 2022 regarding Bjørn Lomborg and climate change alarmism. We appreciate you sharing your thoughts, and we understand the issues you raise are of significance to all New Zealanders.

The role of He Pou a Rangi Climate Change Commission (the Commission) is to help Aotearoa New Zealand transition to a low-emissions and climate-resilient economy, by:

- providing independent, expert advice to the Government on mitigating climate change and adapting to the effects of climate change; and
- monitoring and reviewing the Government's progress towards its emissions reduction and adaptation goals.

In response to the aspect of your correspondence seeking information about the appointment process for members, we are treating this as a request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

The process for appointing members of the Commission is set out in legislation, under Section 5E of the Climate Change Response Act 2002. This information is publicly available at <https://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/2002/0040/latest/DLM158584.html?src=qs>.

Therefore, I am refusing your request under section 18(d) of the Act as the information requested is publicly available.

I trust you find this information useful. However, you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that the Commission has a policy of proactively releasing OIA responses to help others have access to more information. Consequently, this letter will be published on our website with your name and contact details redacted to protect your privacy.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Astrid Nunns", is written over a light blue circular background.

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