



OIA Ref: 2022-014

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26 August 2022

Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 18 August 2022 requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*Dear Sir,*

*Under oia I request answer to?*

*1/ do you believe the minister of tourism's spend of 5.2\$ million on promotion to encourage airplane tourists and high fossil fuel carbon use while tourists are in nz demonstrates huge degree of hypocrisy ?*

*2/ Govt and the CCC (Carr) acknowledge the huge drop in sheep and beef cattle numbers since THE DATE 1990. Why is the govt then asking farming to account for emissions, especially when the same govt spending up large to encourage huge carbon use through tourism encouragement.*

*3/ under oia, "do you believe the govt ministers involved are decidedly demonstrating hypocrisy "?*

For the Commission to respond to the questions you have asked, we would need to form an opinion on these topics.

While one of the key roles of the Commission is to advise the Government on achieving Aotearoa New Zealand's legislated emissions reduction targets, having an opinion on the questions you have asked falls outside of the Commission's legislated mandate.

Our work programme, and what we must consider when preparing our advice, is set out in legislation through [The Climate Change Response \(Zero Carbon Amendment Act 2019\)](#). Under the Act we are required to perform specific tasks and deliver within specific timeframes.

For example, Section 5J of the Act sets out our functions and duties, and section 5M outlines the matters we must consider.

From time to time, the Minister of Climate Change will ask us for advice on specific topics. We'll also provide other independent advice on key issues we believe could impact the ability of Aotearoa to meet its climate change goals.

A timeline of all our required work in the next few years can be found in our [Statement of Intent 2020-24](#).

As the information you have requested is not held by the Commission, and there are no reasonable grounds to believe it is held by or more closely connected with the functions of another Minister or agency, I am refusing your request under section 18(g) of the Act.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman of this decision, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Official Information Act 1982. The relevant details can be found on their website at: [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz)

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

Ngā mihi nui,

Jo Hendy  
**Chief Executive**  
**He Pou a Rangi Climate Change Commission**

cc: Dr Rod Carr – Chair, He Pou a Rangi Climate Change Commission