
From: noreply@safe.org.nz on behalf of [REDACTED] <safe@safe.org.nz>
Sent: Thursday, 18 March 2021 11:08 am
To: Hello - Climate Commission
Subject: My thoughts on Climate report

Dear Dr Rod Carr,

I sincerely think that if you are not including animal agriculture in considerations, it's just taking the mickey out of us, this process, and any hope we have of containing greenhouse gasses in the future. If you're going to do something, do it right. Don't let the obvious elephant in the room go unchecked, that would be an abdication of responsibility.

Life on earth including humankind relies on us making the right decision. Ignoring animal agriculture would make this process a farce. Please don't let us down.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 22 March 2021 2:46 pm
To: Hello - Climate Commission
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Consultation - Climate Change Commission

Dear Climate Commissioner, Dr Rod Carr,

I would like to quickly have a say on the Climate Change Commission Consultation.

The first and most important thing you can do to reduce climate change in New Zealand is include the animal agriculture in the Emissions Trading Scheme. The fact that it is not already absolutely bamboozles me. What is the point in EVEN having this discussion if you are not going to include industry that causes the most damage? Why is this industry so powerful that it gets excluded – do we have to follow the money to find our answer???

If we ALL try and make changes, we can make a difference. My family has one electric car and we are poised to buy a second one replacing our petrol and diesel vehicles. I don't eat meat or dairy, I recycle and buy local. I try to be as environmentally friendly in every other way I can possible think of.

But even if EVERY other New Zealander was like me, it would make hardly any difference if the proverbial elephant in the room is still there.

These businesses will not go out of business, I mean people still need to eat food right??? These emissions causing industries can 'pivot' and start producing plant based foods which will:

- A - feed MORE people and
- B - cause way less damage to the planet
- C – improve human health outcomes (which will have many positive flow on effects for society)

To me, it's a no brainer. Until these industries actually start paying for the damage they cause to the planet you are completely wasting your time and you may as well close the Climate Change Commission and call it a day.

Please be brave and aim high for fast and far-reaching change.

If we change nothing, nothing will change.

Thank you for your time and also the opportunity to provide feedback,

Kindest regards,
[REDACTED]

From: noreply@safe.org.nz on behalf of [REDACTED] <safe@safe.org.nz>
Sent: Monday, 22 March 2021 1:57 pm
To: Hello - Climate Commission
Subject: Climate Change - Idea

Dear Climate Commissioner, Dr Rod Carr,

The climate emergency is the greatest threat to human health this century. We need a plan that's ambitious and bold – one that has clear and strong recommendations for how to cut climate pollution - and I my idea fits this description.

Despite animal agriculture's alarming emissions profile, the draft advice doesn't place enough focus on our biggest contributor to the climate emergency. Animal agriculture is responsible for the majority of New Zealand's greenhouse gas emissions; therefore, obviously this must be reduced immediately (and if I had my way, I would just stop animal agriculture altogether - we can live thriving lifestyles on a plant-based only diet, despite the opposing opinions out there - and its cruelty free - but this is not the idea of mine I am proposing).

What I have not heard suggested before (except in China, many years ago, for good reason) is....if people could possibly stop breeding so much - that will be the biggest help. There is absolutely no need to have a family of say, 9 children....and I've never understood why this is even allowed, when the planet is slowly dying from overuse, let alone why on earth anyone would want or need to deposit nine copies of themselves on this planet anyway.

I think the greatest possible step right now, to slow climate change sooner rather than later, is to slow the population. So make a global rule - no more than 2 children per *person* at any one time in your life (i.e. if your son/daughter passes it does not count in the 2). I know this opens a can of worms regarding legality and ethic/humanitarian issues regarding abortion in many countries....but extreme changes like reducing the emissions of our planet as fast as possible, calls for measures such as this. Plus, I think this is just common sense and fair...and logical. Unless of course you think we have the science and technology to inhabit other planets within the next few decades.

Thanks for reading.

[REDACTED]
(One who has decided not to have any children for this very reason, i.e. the imbalance of it all).

From: noreply@safe.org.nz on behalf of [REDACTED] <safe@safe.org.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, 23 March 2021 12:31 pm
To: Hello - Climate Commission
Subject: Submission on Climate Change

Dear Climate Commissioner, Dr. Rod Carr,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Climate Change Commission consultation.

I would like to see a plan that supports and incentivises diversification of land use into plant-based food production and disincentivises any new conversions into the climate-damaging dairy industry. I would like to see animal agriculture brought into the Emission Trading Scheme and a stronger focus on reducing Aotearoa's economic reliance on animal agriculture. I believe this can be achieved by providing positive incentives to help farmers make a transition to horticulture.

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From: noreply@safe.org.nz on behalf of [REDACTED] <safe@safe.org.nz>
Sent: Monday, 22 March 2021 1:45 pm
To: Hello - Climate Commission
Subject: Climate report focus points

Dear Climate Commissioner, Dr. Rod Carr,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Climate Change Commission consultation. I have five main focus points I would like to see included in the plan.

1. Support and incentivise diversification of land use into plant-based food production.
2. Disincentivise any new conversions into the climate-damaging dairy industry.
3. Bring animal agriculture into the Emission Trading Scheme.
4. Ensure stronger focus on reducing Aotearoa's economic reliance on animal agriculture.
5. Include positive incentives to help farmers make a transition to horticulture.

Thanks and regards
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From: noreply@safe.org.nz on behalf of [REDACTED] <safe@safe.org.nz>
Sent: Thursday, 25 March 2021 10:47 pm
To: Hello - Climate Commission
Subject: Climate Change Commission Consultation: Focus on Animal Agriculture

Dear Climate Commissioner, Dr Rod Carr,

Given that livestock farming accounts for 90% of Aotearoa's agriculture emissions, I believe that animal agriculture should be brought into the Emission Trading Scheme. The majority of change needs to occur in the animal agriculture sector if we are to meet our goals to cut emissions and make a real contribution towards combating the climate emergency. We need to act boldly and with urgency.

Thank you for providing the opportunity to give feedback on the Climate Change Commission consultation.

Mauri ora, nā
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From: noreply@safe.org.nz on behalf of [REDACTED] <safe@safe.org.nz>
Sent: Monday, 22 March 2021 3:17 pm
To: Hello - Climate Commission
Subject: The Climate Report MUST focus on animal agriculture

Dear Climate Commissioner, Dr Rod Carr,

I support urgent action to reduce New Zealand's contribution to greenhouse gas emissions and to have a chance at meeting the Paris Agreement target.

As the animal agriculture sector is responsible for the majority of New Zealand's greenhouse gas emissions, it must be included in the Emissions Trading Scheme. It is imperative the sector is held fully to account, and the status quo is not protected, as agreed with the 2017 coalition.

The Commission's draft advice notes that 1.5 million hectares of land currently used for livestock farming could be suitable for horticulture or arable cropping. It also states that horticulture is more profitable per hectare than dairy or livestock farming. This is an example of what should be at the top of the priority list in the Climate Commission's advice and how the animal agriculture sector can best be supported to overcome any barriers to making a transition.

I would also like to see a feebate system to reduce emissions from the transport sector. It is vital New Zealand learns from established systems such as the French and Swedish models. Such learnings include implementing a continuous function rate line (as opposed to the proposed step-function) and maintaining the concept of "bonus" "malus" (as opposed to "discount" and "fees").

Finally, native forestry projects need to be encouraged and financially supported to provide a carbon sink and improve our ecosystems.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback.

Noho ora mai,

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From: noreply@safe.org.nz on behalf of [REDACTED] <safe@safe.org.nz>
Sent: Friday, 26 March 2021 9:59 am
To: Hello - Climate Commission
Subject: The Climate Report needs more focus on Aotearoa's biggest polluter - animal agriculture

Dear Climate Commissioner, Dr. Rod Carr,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Climate Change Commission consultation.

I would like to see a plan that supports and incentivises diversification of land use into plant-based food production and disincentivises any new conversions into the climate-damaging dairy industry. I would like to see animal agriculture brought into the Emission Trading Scheme and a stronger focus on reducing Aotearoa's economic reliance on animal agriculture. I believe this can be achieved by providing positive incentives to help farmers make a transition to horticulture.

Regards

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From: noreply@safe.org.nz on behalf of [REDACTED] <safe@safe.org.nz>
Sent: Friday, 26 March 2021 9:22 am
To: Hello - Climate Commission
Subject: The Climate Report needs a greater focus on animal agriculture

Dear Climate Commissioner, Dr Rod Carr,

While the Climate Change Commission's 2021 Draft Advice for Consultation highlights the substantial contribution animal agriculture makes to Aotearoa's greenhouse gas emissions profile, it does not provide anywhere near enough focus on reducing those emissions. This is incredibly alarming given that animal agriculture is responsible for the majority of New Zealand's emissions.

This reeks of a political/PR decision designed not to put the powerful agriculture industry too offside instead of being based on sound evidence and logic. Given the majority of our emissions come from animal agriculture that is where the most change must occur. Minor tweaks to farming practices or a reliance on some unknown, future technology that will magically solve the problem is simply not acceptable.

A shift away from using land for animal agriculture and instead using it to produce plant based foods is not only significantly better for the environment but will also result in far greater food production. At the very least, animal agriculture needs to be brought into the Emission Trading Scheme immediately but beyond that there needs to be a strong focus on moving away from using land for animal agriculture.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback.

From: noreply@safe.org.nz on behalf of [REDACTED] <safe@safe.org.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, 24 March 2021 11:55 am
To: Hello - Climate Commission
Subject: pam.vickers@xtra.co.nz

Dear Climate Commissioner, Dr Rod Carr,

The past weekend I travelled from Christchurch - MtJohn Lake Tekapo and being in a coach I was able to see all the huge irrigation systems all in full use and all the paddocks carrying hundreds of cows - on what essentially is dry land.

I lived in Ashburton for many years surrounded by sheep not cows. I really like cows but knowing this emission is worse than cars please get tough with policy immediately to combat our climate crisis. Economic incentives need to be given to farmers to change their type of agriculture - hemp would be a good one.

Thank you and look forward to change.

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It's encouraging to see that the He Pou a Rangi – the Climate Change Commission's 2021 Draft Advice for Consultation highlights the substantial contribution animal agriculture makes to Aotearoa's greenhouse gas emissions profile.

The climate emergency is the greatest threat to human health this century. We need a plan that's ambitious and bold – one that has clear and strong recommendations for how to cut climate pollution from our most polluting industry.

Despite animal agriculture's alarming emissions profile, the draft advice doesn't place enough focus on our biggest contributor to the climate emergency. Animal agriculture is responsible for the majority of Aotearoa's greenhouse gas emissions; therefore, that is where the majority of change needs to occur if we are to meet our goals to cut emissions and make a real contribution towards combating the climate emergency.

To combat the climate emergency we need to ensure Aotearoa's economy is less reliant on an industry that is having such a detrimental effect on our environment. Making minimal tweaks to management within animal agriculture and relying on future technology that may never eventuate or work is not enough.

The diversification of land use needs to be highlighted as a top priority. The Commission's draft advice notes that 1.5 million hectares of land currently used for livestock farming could be suitable for horticulture or arable cropping. It also states that horticulture is more profitable per hectare than dairy or livestock farming. This is an example of what should be at the top of the priority list in the Climate Commission's advice, as well as information on how the animal agriculture sector can best be supported to overcome any barriers to making a transition.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback.

Noho ora mai.

From: noreply@safe.org.nz on behalf of [REDACTED] <safe@safe.org.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, 24 March 2021 4:26 pm
To: Hello - Climate Commission
Subject: Climate Change Policy Reform

Dear Climate Commissioner, Dr Rod Carr,

New Zealand will not achieve its climate change goals unless it reforms its agriculture policies. Agriculture accounts for almost half of total NZ emissions (and 80% of methane emissions) and only 7% of the Gross Domestic Product. This is acknowledged in the draft advice but the policy reforms currently envisaged fall way short of what is required to meet the country's Paris undertakings . Carbon taxation should be high on the list of policy options. Reforms in the Emissions Trading Scheme are essential. Emissions from dairy farming have grown by 27% in a decade. Fonterra is responsible for a fifth of all such emissions largely because it is allowed to use coal powered boilers to make milk powder. Yet, it has received generous exemptions from the Emissions Trading Scheme. All in all, the draft advice doesn't place enough focus on reforming the livestock economy and promote plant based agriculture. Animal agriculture is where the majority of change needs to occur. The diversification of land use should enjoy top priority. The Commission's draft advice notes that 1.5 million hectares of land currently used for livestock farming could be suitable for horticulture or arable cropping. It also states that horticulture is more profitable per hectare than dairy or livestock farming. Tapping this potential would generate huge economic, social and environmental benefits. Adequate budget allocations and strong political leadership should be mobilized in the national interest, and to preserve the New Zealand's positive image as a good international citizen.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback. Noho ora mai.

From: noreply@safe.org.nz on behalf of [REDACTED] <safe@safe.org.nz>
Sent: Monday, 22 March 2021 7:29 pm
To: Hello - Climate Commission
Subject: Climate Change Commission

Dear Climate Commissioner, Dr Rod Carr,

Given 90% of New Zealand's agriculture emissions comes from livestock farming, we NEED to change our approach by significantly reducing, even eliminating, livestock farming & our economic dependency on it. It makes so much sense to supersede this by horticultural farming for plant-based food production to lower our emissions within the required limits & will better cater to the growing vegetarian & vegan movements.

I also want to see DISincentives introduced for livestock farming, & the introduction of INcentives for horticultural farming to encourage healthier practises so our sick world can recover & eventually thrive. Dairy farming has NO place in the world - it has significant negative impacts on cows & their young (this is a topic in itself), in the atmosphere, on our whenua, & in our waterways.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback.

From: noreply@safe.org.nz on behalf of [REDACTED] <safe@safe.org.nz>
Sent: Monday, 22 March 2021 6:18 pm
To: Hello - Climate Commission
Subject: Climate change

Dear Climate Commissioner, Dr Rod Carr,

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback.

Noho ora mai.