

Dear Friends

- New Zealand is a small nation that takes its climate responsibilities seriously + the Paris commitments we made.

- In 2019 our Parliament Passed Zero Carbon legislation without dissent at final reading

I am addressing you today as an Opposition member of our Parliament but happy to do so in the spirit of b. Partnership and climate action.

New Zealand

For us in New Zealand a b. Partnership approach to climate action and our Pathway to net zero by 2050 is important.

It sends a message to citizens, communities, businesses and the world that no matter the outcome of elections the direction of climate policy is set.

Certainly is important
So that long term decisions
Making can be made with
confidence

So that businesses and
Individuals have the
Confidence to invest capital
and effort into meaningful
Emission reduction initiatives
and adaptation programmes.

Safe in the knowledge
Policy direction will not
Change even if governments do

Our legislation set up
an independent Climate
Commission.

Our legislative model has
been based largely on that
which has been so successful
for the United Kingdom.

The Climate Commission's
role is to advise the
Government on the day on
reduction budgets, Emission
reduction Policies and
adaptation options

BUT

Although the direction of travel to net zero is set we still have a role as politicians to discuss, debate and critique the specifics of various options.

We reserve the right to debate the detail as is right and proper in a functioning democracy.

The Climate Commission delivered its final advice report to our Climate Minister in May of last year.

The main recommendations we to quicken the pace of reduction action New Zealand will not they say - meet our targets without strong, decisive action to drive new technology and behavioral change.

They also advised that
our focus for decarbonising
our economy must be
focused on emission
reductions at source.
rather than just relying on
forest sequestration.

They have told our government
that our Emission Trading
Scheme alone will not
be enough.

Under our legislation our
Government must prepare
an economy wide
Emission Reduction Plan.

The first such Plan will
be released in May of
this year.

New Zealand is fortunate to
have relatively high levels of
renewable electricity generation
in the high 80% to 90% range

Our government plans to increase renewable generation even more as will be required as we move our economy from one ~~fuelled~~ by molecules to one ~~driven~~ ^{fuelled} by electrons

~~that~~ Our mission however will not be without significant challenge

New Zealand produces quality food and primary products exported to a hungry world.

Our agricultural emissions particularly ~~the~~ biogenic methane will need reducing.

But we must do so without needing reducing production by our already very environmentally friendly & low emission farms.

The answer lies in
Science, new technology,
improved practices and
a relentless desire to
improve.

If we can solve issues
relating to biogenic methane
we will be doing not only
New Zealand a favour
we will be providing a
Solution for the globe

There is no sense in
contributing to global
warming by way of
carbon leakage from
nations like New Zealand

Transport is another area
for immediate focus.

With our relatively ~~of~~ clean
grid - higher uptake of
electric vehicles and other low
emission ~~models~~ will be critical

Right now the price and
Range of Electric Vehicles
Available is limiting uptake.

We know however it will
not be long before these
hurdles are overcome and
we will see far more
EV's on our roads.

More solar and wind
generated electricity will
assist our goals too.

But as I said at the
Start, we are a small
Nation.

For the future of the world
and generations to come
it is not just small nations
like ours that must rise
to the challenges and
embrace the exciting
opportunities presented to
us all.

~~We must act now if it takes~~

Are.
Combined efforts of
a united world family
of nations will be
What is required.

Thank you ~~for~~

Thank you for the
Considered and respectfully
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debate on the important
Emergency item ~~that~~
Sponsored by New
Zealand ~~at the~~