



OIA Ref: 2022-008

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20 May 2022

Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 22 April 2022 requesting information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) regarding:

1. *Making it economically viable to retain food producing areas so they are not turned in to subdivisions for housing.*
2. *The removal of GST on everything and replacing it with a financial transaction tax and/or GST on food exports with the priority being to feed the New Zealand population.*
3. *Building apartment style housing with restaurants and activities in order to meet the high level of need for accommodation rather than using motels and hotels that don't meet the needs of the most vulnerable in our society.*
4. *Conduct a program to encourage plant-based diets without dairy in order to feed more people at lower costs.*
5. *Use debt-free money that has been created for example during the pandemic to address climate change without placing the costs on everybody including the most vulnerable who struggle to survive daily.*
6. *What advice and what action are you taking with respect to climate change and mass famine and/or protecting and funding action in this regard with respect to water as well.*
7. *What warnings have you had on mass starvation and climate change?*
8. *In my video attached, is this information correct that humans are going to become extinct?*

Noting your request has been sent to multiple parties, the Climate Change Commission (the Commission) will respond to points 6 and 7 of your request as these reference climate change.

The Commission provides independent, evidence-based advice to government on climate issues. Our advice is based on research and analysis of different factors that can affect our emissions and the potential impacts and effects of climate change. We monitor and review progress towards the country's goals for reducing emissions and adapting to a changing climate. We also provide advice on policies from time to time. You can access this information here: <https://www.climatecommission.govt.nz/our-work/>.

The Commission does not specifically hold information relating to “mass famine” or “mass starvation” and climate change. Therefore I am refusing the parts of your request relevant to the Commission under section 18(e) of the Act as the information requested does not exist.

All of the [Commission’s advice](#) produced to date is available on our website and may be of interest to you. I draw your attention to:

1. [Ināia tonu nei: a low emissions future for Aotearoa: Advice to the New Zealand Government on its first three emissions budgets and direction for its emissions reduction plan 2022 – 2025.](#)

In particular:

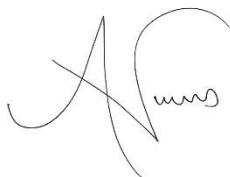
- *Chapter 17: Policy direction for agriculture; and*
 - *Chapter 20: Policy direction for a fair, inclusive and equitable transition*
2. [Correspondence by our Board Chair, Dr Rod Carr, to Ministers](#) in advance of the release of the Government’s Emissions Reductions Plan.

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

Please note that the Commission has a policy of proactive release of OIA responses to help others have access to more information.

As a result, this letter will shortly be published on the website with your name and contact details redacted to protect your privacy.

Ngā mihi



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