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Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 15 September 2022 requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Has the Climate Change Commission studied the difference in effects between incentives and penalties as methods for reducing greenhouse gasses and, if so, what were the findings?

I would like to refer you to Chapter 11 (page 209) of [Ināia tonu nei: a low emissions future for Aotearoa](#) as this outlines the Commission's position on this topic. Though this chapter is broader than the study of the impacts of incentives versus penalties, it speaks to why we believe a suite of policies will be needed to support the necessary change. The Commission drew on a wide range of literature (which you can find cited in this chapter) to develop our policy approach. You may find section 11.3 *The three pillars for a comprehensive policy package* (page 213) to be of the most use.

Furthermore, I also refer you to our publicly available [Agriculture Progress Assessment report](#) which also states that a range of complementary policy is needed to change behaviour. This report looks to understand the elements that drive change in the agriculture sector specifically.

As the information you are seeking is publicly available at the locations provided above, we are refusing your request under section 18 (d) 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

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 Climate Change Commission website with your name and contact details redacted to protect your privacy.

You can access these proactively released OIA responses here:

<https://www.climatecommission.govt.nz/who-we-are/corporate-publications/official-information-act-requests/>.

Ngā mihi,

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