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ICCC Secretariat  
Interim Climate Change Committee  
Level 1, Environment House  
23 Kate Sheppard Place  
Wellington, 6011

**Submission for the Call for Evidence**

Dear Secretariat, Interim Climate Change Committee

The Building Research Association of New Zealand Ltd (BRANZ) welcomes the opportunity to make a submission for your call for evidence.

We support and commend the introduction of the Climate Change Response (Zero Carbon) Amendment Act. It is a goal of BRANZ to support the transition to a net-zero carbon economy, and to ensure that the contribution to buildings in mitigating and adapting to climate change is acknowledged and addressed.

BRANZ has been at the forefront of addressing the built environment's contribution to climate change and helping to drive evidence-based policy and provide expert advice. BRANZ has a history of engaging in climate change research since 2000 when it released a report *Implications of Climate Change for the Construction Sector*.

BRANZ today is continuing that legacy of climate change research and is creating new research pathways to support the building and construction industry address the issue of climate change. We have established a research programme called *Transition to a Zero Carbon* that seeks to provide leadership within the building and construction industry, but also provide the science-based evidence and solutions to climate change mitigation to help meet the 2050 target.

BRANZ welcomes the opportunity to work with the ICCC and share our expertise and experience in order to address the reduction of greenhouse gas emission within the built environment.

If you have any questions about this submission or wish to seek further advice, please get in touch with us.

On behalf of BRANZ, we wish to thank you for the opportunity to comment and contribute to this discussion and we look forward to working with you.

Yours faithfully

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