



Official Information request reference: 2021-019

15 March 2021

Email: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request, received on 10 March 2021 for the following:

"I have a request under the Official Information Act please, for:

- 1. The correspondence(s) that prompted the commission to extend its submission deadline.*
- 2. A summary of all OIAs received by the commission since releasing its draft advice, including who they are from and a summary of the topic/request.?"*

Regarding the first part of your request, consultation on the Climate Change Commission's (the Commission) draft advice opened on February 1, with submissions initially due by 14 March 2021. On 18 February 2021, Rod Carr, Chair of the Commission's Board, received a letter from representatives of the business community requesting an extension to the deadline for submissions. The signatories of the letter felt this extra time was needed to thoroughly review and comment on data and models used in the draft advice.

Following receipt of this letter, and taking previous feedback from other stakeholders into consideration, the Board met on Monday 22 February and agreed to extend the deadline for receiving submissions by two weeks to 11:59pm on Sunday 28 March 2021. This date was chosen in order to balance time needed by stakeholders to consider our data as part of their submissions, with the Commission's work evaluating submissions and considering their impact on our draft advice. The Board felt two weeks provided this.

We have enclosed the above-mentioned letter (Attachment 1). Some information relating to contact details of individuals has been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act – to protect the privacy of natural persons.

In terms of the second part of your request, please find attached a table listing all Official Information Act requests received by the Commission since 31 January 2021 when our draft advice was released (Attachment 2). The table provides a summary of the requests as well as a date on which they were received. In terms of your request for the names of the requestors; this information is being withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act – to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that the Commission has a policy to proactively release OIA responses to help others have access to more information. Consequently, this letter will be published on our website with your name and contact details redacted to protect your privacy.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jo Hendy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping 'J' and 'H'.

Jo Hendy
Chief Executive
Climate Change Commission



Dr Roderick Carr
 Chair
 Climate Change Commission
 by email: [REDACTED]



18 February 2021



Dear Dr Carr



Congratulations on the release of the Climate Change Commission's 2021 Draft Advice for Consultation. The co-signatories of this letter, who come from across the business community, are keen to constructively engage with the Commission as it consults on its proposals.



We are pleased that the Commission has, in response to requests, begun to release the models and underlying data that supports the Commission's findings.



However, to constructively contribute submissions so that the Commission is as well-informed as possible, we must be able to thoroughly review and comment on data and models which will influence major decisions about the future of our economy and society.



We believe that good process underpins good public policy, and a key aspect of good process is adequate time to respond, which should be set in proportion to the significance of the proposals. Six weeks consultation for proposals of this magnitude is in our view inadequate, and serious consideration should be given to extending this.



We note that other recent climate change consultations provided longer periods for comment. The Productivity Commission's Inquiry into a Low Emissions Economy was consulted on for eight weeks, and the Zero Carbon Bill was publicly introduced with submissions closing eight weeks later.



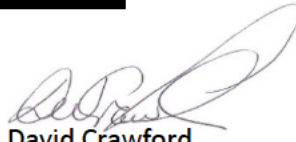
Given the delay in the release of crucial modelling data (not all of which is out yet), at a minimum we seek a commensurate extension of *at least* two weeks for the submission deadline, which is currently set for 14 March 2021.




For correspondence about this matter please contact Joshua O'Rourke
(PEPANZ Policy Manager) on [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]



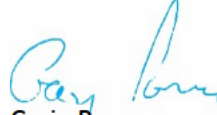
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Aggregate and Quarry Association



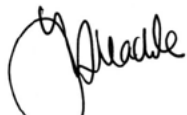
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Chief Executive Officer
Motor Industry Association



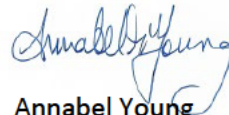
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Sirma Karapeeva
Chief Executive Officer
Meat Industry Association



Nick Leggett
Chief Executive
Road Transport Forum



Patrick Phelps
Manager
Minerals West Coast



Chris Baker
Chief Executive Officer
Straterra Inc



Dr Oliver Hartwich
Executive Director
The New Zealand Initiative

Attachment 2 – Summary of Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) requests received by the Climate Change Commission (the Commission) since the release of its draft advice on 31 January 2021

The table below lists all requests received by the Commission up until your request was received. A number of responses to these requests are publicly available on our website:

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

#	Received*	Request summary
1.	1/02/2021	Confirmation or otherwise of the claim made via tweet by Jenee Tibshraeny that she had requested and was denied early copies of advice.
2.	1/02/2021	All internal communications and advice relating to the media and other release planning relating to the advice published on 31 January 2021.
3.	1/02/2021	Any correspondence to, from, or between the Climate Change Commissioners, relating to the Auckland University of Technology research led by Dr Bradley Case about the sequestration potential of native woody vegetation on sheep and beef farms.
4.	2/02/2021	Any advice, documents or correspondence discussing the media strategy for the release of the Commission's draft report.
5.	3/02/2021	All correspondence between 11 January and 3 February between the Commission and the media who were given embargoed material on the draft report prior to February 1 at 1pm; any correspondence between any Commission, members of the Prime Minister's office, School Strike for Climate, and reporters who asked for but were denied embargoed materials over the same period.
6.	5/02/2021	Copies of models used by the Commission in preparing the consultation material published on 31 January 2021. This request also includes a number of process related questions, electricity and gas sector specific questions as well as economic, wellbeing and distributional effects questions.
7.	8/02/2021	Copy of the ENZ model to test the sensitivity of the results.
8.	9/02/2021	Terms of reference (TOR) for peer review of science of pathways to 1.5 degrees, plus all correspondence between the Commission and reviewers.
9.	10/02/2021	List of economic models used by the Commission; results produced; correspondence with Ministers' offices, peer reviewers and stakeholders.
10.	15/02/2021	Information about the Commission's role regarding He Waka Eke Noa.
11.	17/02/2021	All communications plans, including drafts, for the release of the Commission's advice to Government; all documents relating to briefing stakeholders ahead of the release (of draft advice).

12.	17/02/2021	Whether model peer reviewers were given full access to models (and) if not, what they were given.
13.	23/02/2021	TOR for peer review of science pathways including correspondence with peer reviewers.
14.	24/02/2021	All data on the marginal abatement costs of electric vehicles which the Commission used in its models.
15.	24/02/2021	Questions arising from a presentation at a Climate Change Commission webinar on 18 January 2021.
16.	24/02/2021	Information relating to the Commission's financial information and how it is described within the financial accounting system.
17.	1/03/2021	Information about the approach the Commission's work to uphold Te Tiriti o Waitangi.
18.	2/03/2021	Provide a list of journalists who were given embargoed material on the draft report prior to February 1.

*Please note that if a request was received outside business hours, it has been registered as having been received on the next (nearest) working day