



## **Disappointing Emissions Reduction Plan shows a lack of urgency and priority required from Ministers.**

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Parents for Climate Aotearoa is not only disappointed but very concerned with the Emissions Reduction Plan released today for consultation. It is clear by this document that for most of the Ministers in government, climate change is not a priority.

Founder of Parents for Climate Aotearoa, Alicia Hall says “while the Covid-19 response rightly remains an important focus, we have a government with public employees to work on multiple issues at the same time. The framework was put in place with the Zero Carbon Act and we expected a more comprehensive plan to be produced now, almost two years later.”

“It appears most Ministers have left it up to James Shaw and when they are required to get stuck in, they are caught in the headlights. Again it has been left to civil society to fill in the gaps, individuals and groups like ours who have already spent hundreds of unpaid hours submitting on policy ideas over the past few years.”

Olivia Hyatt from Parents for Climate Aotearoa Nelson Tasman says “it is yet more inaction by the Government that assured us that they were taking climate change seriously. I especially feel for how our parents and young people will respond to this. We are very anxious about our families future and the continued delay and inaction fuels this anxiety more. We can change the future ahead of us, but need our Government to do the work and set the vision and policies needed to support all of us to change.”

“Once again this highlights the overwhelming need for a cross agency comprehensive climate communications and public education programme. How can the Government expect the general public to engage when the urgency, scope of the problem and solutions aren’t even adequately communicated.” says Hall.

Parents for Climate Aotearoa welcome anyone to join us in supporting each other and our young people. [www.parentsforclimatenz.org](http://www.parentsforclimatenz.org)