

Submission on Process Heat in New Zealand: Opportunities and barriers to lowering emissions

I welcome the call for submissions. I am making this submission because I believe that climate change is the biggest challenge of our generation and we must take steps to deal with this challenge as soon as possible.

Most important of all is to stop any new investment in fossil fuel plant. The limited efficiencies gained by Fonterra in their existing plants are more than outweighed by the building of new plant in the dairy industry, running on coal or gas. All new plant should be renewably fuelled, or we are just wasting our time.

A mandatory carbon price of at least \$50/tonne, raised at regular and pre-announced intervals to reach \$100 within a couple of years, is needed to drive the urgent and significant emissions reductions that must be made.

I believe that the Government should put legislative and regulatory changes in place to ensure that, as existing heat plant reaches the end of its economic life, it is replaced by heat plant that is not fuelled by fossil fuels, but is powered from renewable energy sources. There are a number of new greener ways available to do this and more are being researched currently.

Measures should also be put in place to ensure that existing fossil fuel powered heat plant is not run beyond the end of its economic life in an effort to avoid replacing fossil fuel energy sources by renewable sources.

Where existing fossil-fuel powered heat plant has an economic life that extends past 2030, the Government should put in place legislative and economic measures to ensure that this plant is replaced by heat plant that is powered by renewable energy sources.

If hydrogen is used as an energy source for process heat, it must be generated by renewable means, not derived from fossil fuels

Replacing one form of fossil fuel energy source with another is completely unacceptable. In particular, the idea that natural gas is a “transition fuel” away from coal is not acceptable. Fossil fuels should be replaced by renewables, not other fossil fuels.

I do not want to be contacted or to make an oral submission but I hope action is taken soon by the government and will support any moves to do so and encourage others to do so.

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