

1 April 2025

The Rt Hon Christopher Luxon, PM

Dear Prime Minister,

I am a 9(2)(a) who is extremely worried about the future that my children, and all children, will inherit. So when I saw the recent Climate Change (Restriction on Civil Proceedings) Bill put forward by the Hon Joseph Mooney, which would exempt companies from being held accountable via tort law to the climate damages they are causing, I felt compelled to write to you to ask that you do not support this member's bill.

We both agree that climate change is serious and needs to be addressed urgently. I am concerned though, that there may be few other avenues through which to prosecute polluters who keep polluting without tort law. There are companies in NZ who have known about climate change, and continue to increase emissions. How do we address this?

Market-based incentives are not working ([Link text: https://climateactiontracker.org/countries/new-zealand](https://climateactiontracker.org/countries/new-zealand) [see NZ's lagging progress relative to climate targets here](#)), many of the bills introduced by this current coalition government have gone against official, independent, science-based policy advice (e.g. reversing the oil & gas ban via the Crown Minerals Amendment Bill), and while technological innovation may be required for some specific niches, it is not the main blocker for reducing emissions in many of our sectors as a significant amount of NZ's emissions are from fossil fuel appliances with zero-emissions alternatives already available, like cars, heaters, etc.

This bill would protect companies and punish the public, which would be catastrophic for New Zealand's climate strategy.

Will you decline to support this member's bill?

I look forward to your reply to my concerns.

Ngā mihi nui

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