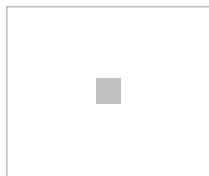


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Simon

Congratulations on your position within the newly elected government. I have been thinking about the recent decision of the Supreme Court in Smith v Fonterra and have reached the conclusion that the decision is bad policy and in my view should be overruled by legislation. I have drafted a suggested bill which would have the effect of removing possible tort claims, ensuring that the response to climate change is dictated by Parliament and not by the courts. My draft legislation (which I have run past 9(2)(a)) is attached.

I'm happy to discuss the matter with you if you have a moment.

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