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To: 9(2)(a)
Cc: [Simon Watts \(MIN\)](#)
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Kia ora 9(2)(a),

Please see attached a letter from Hon. Simon Watts, Minister of Climate Change, in response to your correspondence.

Ngā mihi,

Ankit



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9(2)(a) – I am one of Simon's constituents (and 9(2)(a)).

I have been thinking carefully about the response to the recent Supreme Court decision in Smith v Fonterra, which recognises an arguable claim for a public nuisance and/or negligence arising from greenhouse gas emissions. In my view, the Supreme Court's decision is problematic because it potentially allows the courts to cut across the public policy response to the climate change crisis, reflected in the Climate Change Response Act 2002. I believe that Parliament should act to confirm that Parliament should respond to the problem presented by greenhouse gas emissions within New Zealand with no role for the Courts to impose additional restrictions or penalties.

I have attached a draft Bill to amend the Climate Change Response Act to remove any common law causes of action. I have discussed this draft legislation with 9(2)(a) and other senior lawyers who have provided input into the draft legislation. I would be grateful if you would provide the draft directly to Simon for his consideration. I am happy to meet with Simon to discuss the draft.

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