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Dear Dr Carr

Congratulations on the release of the Climate Change Commission's 2021 Draft Advice for Consultation. The co-signatories of this letter, who come from across the business community, are keen to constructively engage with the Commission as it consults on its proposals.

We are pleased that the Commission has, in response to requests, begun to release the models and underlying data that supports the Commission's findings.

However, to constructively contribute submissions so that the Commission is as well-informed as possible, we must be able to thoroughly review and comment on data and models which will influence major decisions about the future of our economy and society.

We believe that good process underpins good public policy, and a key aspect of good process is adequate time to respond, which should be set in proportion to the significance of the proposals. Six weeks consultation for proposals of this magnitude is in our view inadequate, and serious consideration should be given to extending this.

We note that other recent climate change consultations provided longer periods for comment. The Productivity Commission's Inquiry into a Low Emissions Economy was consulted on for eight weeks, and the Zero Carbon Bill was publicly introduced with submissions closing eight weeks later.

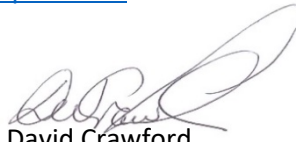
Given the delay in the release of crucial modelling data (not all of which is out yet), at a minimum we seek a commensurate extension of *at least* two weeks for the submission deadline, which is currently set for 14 March 2021.



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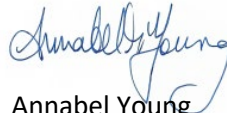
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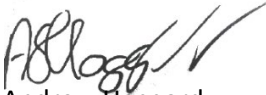
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