

CLIMATE VOTER



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Thank you for your advisory opinion concerning the climatevoter.org.nz website. The opinion has been received and considered.

1. We disagree with the Electoral Commission's interpretation of the Electoral Act and its view that these websites are "election advertisements".
2. Our view is that this issue requires judicial determination in order to clarify the law. Accordingly, we intend to commence proceedings in the High Court seeking declarations that these websites are not "election advertisements" within the meaning of the Electoral Act.
3. We look forward to working with you to clarify the law.

Yours sincerely,

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