

# Vote NO to the ETS.





# Back on the farm

Welcome to the second official publication of The Conservative Party of New Zealand, and it is entirely appropriate that it is about farming and specifically the Emissions Trading Scheme.

I am one of those fortunate New Zealanders who has had (at least over holiday times) a chance to be “back on the farm”. The way I see it, if you haven’t got up before light to get to the milking shed, or pulled ragwort till your back aches, you haven’t really lived.

The strength of New Zealand lies in its rural communities and the hard work of our farmers. The thing I like about farmers is that they call a spade a spade and not an “agricultural instrument”. I have to say there is a lot more honesty in the milk shed than in the House of Representatives.

If you didn’t read our first booklet called “What do you really want” I encourage you to have a read. It’s online at [www.conservativeparty.org.nz](http://www.conservativeparty.org.nz) or you can call our office 09 5202082 and we will send you a copy.

I have been asked why start a new party when I could join an existing one. The simple answer is that no current party was putting up the common sense policies that I believe in. What’s more, in the last two decades both National and Labour

Governments have ignored the wishes of the New Zealand people by refusing to implement referendum decisions.

I don’t want a country where the Government sees itself above the people and is able to ignore them at its convenience. It is clear to me that the government is wrong to do so and it is now time to elect those who will do what the people want. We need increased representation and less political agenda.

It was time to give you another option, a conservative party that believes in values that work and have real solutions.

The bottom line is we can only change the country if voters give us the chance, and so we need your help.

**I invite you to join us... I invite you to vote for us.**

Kindest Regards  
**Colin Craig**





# THE TEST MATCH

Tick the boxes that most align with what you want.



**conservative**

VS

*National*

AGREE

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The crown should own the foreshore and seabed for and on behalf of all New Zealanders.

OR - The foreshore and seabed can be owned by Maori and government will fund them making claims.

We should not sell state assets and should limit foreign ownership.

OR - Sell state assets and allow foreign ownership.

Repeal the emissions trading scheme.

OR Continue taxing New Zealanders at an increasing rate over time.

Parents should be able to correct their children using reasonable force.

OR - Good parents risk being investigated by police with children being temporarily removed and as proven in some cases prosecuted.

We should proceed with alcohol reform. Raising price so drinkers pay for the cost of alcohol related problems, lowering the blood alcohol limit to save lives, and returning the drinking age to 21 years.

OR - Have two drinking ages. The age of 18 years if in a bar or on licensed premises otherwise the age becomes 20 years (off license).

When two thirds of voters in a referendum direct a law change this should be binding on government.

OR - Governments can choose to ignore voters in a referendum.

Prisoners (unless high risk) should be housed in work camps and required to learn and work including growing their own food and maintaining their own accommodation. If profit arises from their work activity this should be payable to victims.

OR - Prisoners are housed in large expensive facilities, have access to television, magazines, gym equipment and other benefits. They are not required to work, and are fed and housed at the cost of the taxpayer (over \$90,000 per prisoner per year).

TOTAL

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**Conservative Score**

VS

**National Score**

To get a government that does the things you want it to, you need to vote for a party that thinks like you. Party vote Conservative on Election Day.

# Vote NO TO THE ETS



## How to shoot yourself in the foot!

The Emissions Trading Scheme is a great example of how not to help an economy. It is a tax that sees the everyday person paying more for power and fuel. A tax that increments over time to have an ever increasing economic impact. It directly raises the costs of our farmers and businesses, while our main trading partners have no such scheme. We are choosing to trade at a disadvantage, which is just plain stupid.

There is of course much scientific debate over the effect of human habitation on the environment and views range from it having "little or no impact" to the "end of the world" scenario. What is agreed on is that New Zealand reducing emissions has no impact on a worldwide scale.

It is time to do the right thing by our farmers and business owners, to do the right thing by our consumers. If we repeal this tax immediately we can all reap the benefits of cheaper fuel and electricity.

“ Only 2 things are infinite, the universe and human stupidity and I’m not sure about the former. ”

ALBERT EINSTEIN

## National’s betrayal

Farmers have been loyal National Party supporters for a long time but the time has come for a change. It is time to support the Conservative Party.

National talks a big game but it doesn’t deliver. Before the last election National launched the “axecarbontax” campaign and Nick Smith (unbelievably now the “Minister of Climate Change”) said:

*“This week national launches the axecarbontax.co.nz campaign. The new finely balanced parliament gives us the opportunity to send the carbon tax the way of the fart tax.*

*The madness of the Government’s new carbon tax is that New Zealanders will be the only people in the world paying it. It will drive up the costs of living and undermine the competitiveness of New Zealand business for negligible environmental gain.”*

The fact is National was ready to attack Labour for this mad policy but then introduced it themselves. They talked the talked but proved themselves absolutely two-faced once they were elected.

## The Logic Failure

New Zealand’s farmers are the best in the world. Period. No buts and no maybes. And we should be proud and supportive of our farming industry.

In fact not only do we produce great food, but we also produce it with minimal environmental impact. We are among the most efficient food producers in the world.

Given that on a global scale we grow food so efficiently, why should NZ introduce a tax that penalises increased production? This doesn’t help the world; instead it will only drive production to less efficient countries that have no carbon tax.

It is simply not logical to penalise the most efficient producers.



# The thin end of the wedge

We all know that politicians are good at making things look better than they are. Right now the National Party is trying to make their position on the ETS sound like common sense. They're trying to make it seem like they are the good guys by making sure the ETS doesn't go too far.

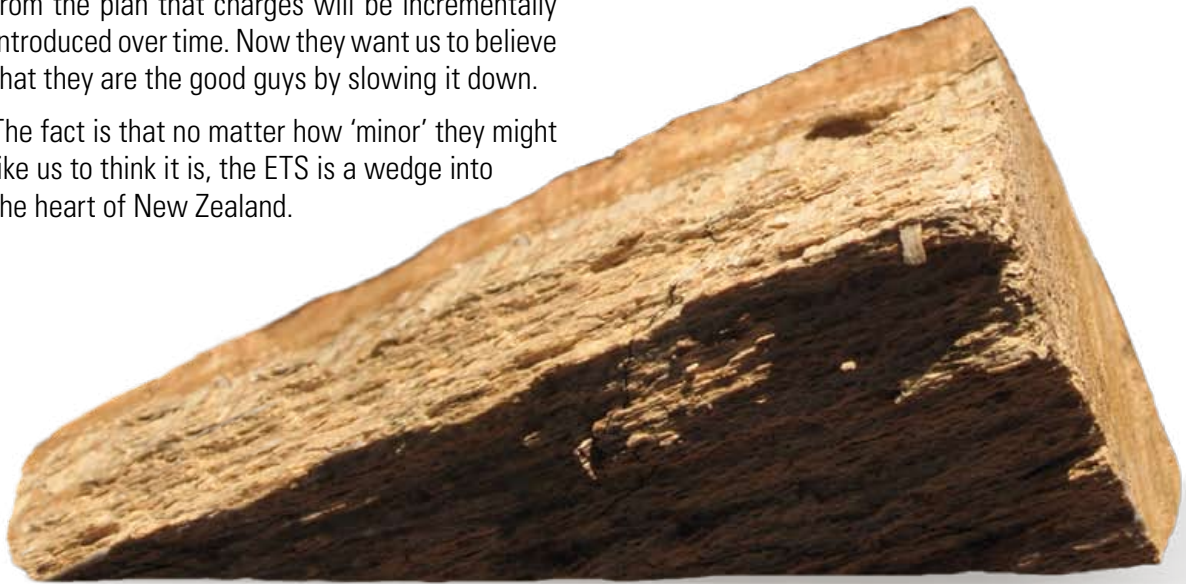
**Forget the fancy words.** The fact is that National introduced the ETS (after mocking Labour for considering it), and have never deviated from the plan that charges will be incrementally introduced over time. Now they want us to believe that they are the good guys by slowing it down.

The fact is that no matter how 'minor' they might like us to think it is, the ETS is a wedge into the heart of New Zealand.

As time passes the ETS will be driven in ever deeper, to the detriment of New Zealanders and especially Farmers.

The talk about 'gradual increases' means nothing. Wait till Labour gets a turn to tinker with it, or indeed the Greens.

The only solution is to repeal the ETS altogether.



## Carbon Dioxide is not pollution

You will have heard Carbon Dioxide referred to as a pollutant, but it's not. In fact, without Carbon Dioxide we could not live. Carbon Dioxide is:

- Necessary for plant life.
- A greenhouse gas. These gases keep earth's average temperature at a balmy 14°C instead of -19°C.
- Naturally occurring, invisible, odourless and non-toxic.

In fact carbon dioxide is part of an amazing cycle. All animal life (including humans) emit Carbon Dioxide (breathing etc). In return plants use Carbon Dioxide, and emit oxygen which in turn animals breathe and so on.

If Carbon Dioxide levels rise, plants grow better and in turn process more oxygen. It is the natural order of things and it works very very well.



✓ Party Vote **conservative**

# We could all learn from this...



ong ago England was ruled by a king named Canute. Like many leaders, Canute was surrounded by people who were always flattering him and telling him how wise and great he was.

The king was a man of sense, and he grew tired of hearing such foolish speeches.

**Colin's comment :** Ahhh. . . a man of sense, we certainly need more of those.

One day he was walking by the seashore, and his officers and courtiers were with him, praising him as usual. Canute decided to teach them a lesson.

"So you say I am the greatest man in the world?" he asked them.

"O king," they cried, "there never has been anyone as mighty as you, and there will never be anyone so great, ever again!"

"And you say all things obey me?" Canute asked.

"Absolutely!" they said. "The world bows before you, and gives you honour."

"I see," the king answered. "In that case, bring me my chair, and we'll go down to the water."

"At once, your majesty!" They scrambled to carry his royal chair over the sands.

"Bring it closer to the sea," Canute called. "Put it right here, right at the water's edge." He sat down and surveyed the ocean before him. "I notice the tide is coming in. Do you think it will stop if I give the command?"

His officers were puzzled, but they did not dare say no. "Give the order, O great king, and it will obey," one of them assured him.

"Very well. Sea," cried Canute, "I command you to come no further! Waves, stop your rolling!. Surf, stop your pounding! Do not dare touch my feet!"

He waited a moment, quietly, and a tiny wave rushed up the sand and lapped at his feet.

"How dare you!" Canute shouted. "Ocean, turn back now! I have ordered you to retreat before me, and now you must obey! Go back!"

And in answer another wave swept forward and curled around the king's feet. The tide came in, just as it always did. The water rose higher and higher. It came up around the king's chair, and wet not only his feet, but also his robe. His officers stood before him, alarmed, and wondering whether he was not mad.

"Well, my friends," Canute said, "it seems I do not have quite so much power as you would have me believe. Perhaps you have learned something today. Perhaps now you will remember there is only one King who is all-powerful, and it is he who rules the sea, and holds the ocean in the hollow of his hand. I suggest you reserve your praises for him."

The royal officers and courtiers hung their heads and looked foolish. And some say Canute took off his crown soon afterward, and never wore it again.

## Colin's Comment...

We need leaders today that learn from King Canute who had enough sense to know the extent of his power. Human impact on climate is so small it is nothing compared to a single volcanic eruption or a sun spot. We simply do not fully understand the long term cycles at work in the world.

For our leaders to think that they can control the climate of the world is plainly ridiculous, and worse, they will burden you and I with further taxation in their vain attempt to do so.

**Repeal the Emissions trading scheme.**

 Party Vote

  
conservative

# 10 QUICK Questions ?

## QUIZ TIME

- Carbon Dioxide is approximately what percentage of the atmosphere:  
 A: 50%    B: 20%    C: 5%    D: 1%    E: 0.04%
- Greenhouse gases are essential for human survival.
- The polar ice caps are currently decreasing in size.
- Global temperature has gently declined over the last decade.
- The polar bears are dying off.
- It is possible to predict the earth's temperature 100 years in advance.
- Nearly all scientists agree that Climate Change is occurring, and at a dangerous rate.
- The Kyoto Protocol will cost many Trillions of dollars but produce no significant cooling.
- Prior to the Industrial Revolution the earth had a stable Climate.
- Carbon Dioxide is the primary forcing agent for the earth's temperature increase.

TRUE FALSE

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ANSWERS: 1. E: 0.04%. 2. True. 3. False. 4. True. 5. False. There were only 5000 50 years ago but the population now numbers over 25,000. 6. False. 7. False. 8. False. 9. True. 10. False.

## membership form



To join the party please complete and return this membership form.

NAME/S :

TITLE FIRST LAST

Tick if joint membership

TITLE FIRST LAST

RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS :

NUMBER STREET

SUBURB/TOWN CITY POSTCODE

CONTACT INFORMATION :

TELEPHONE - HOME MOBILE

EMAIL

PLEASE CONFIRM EITHER :

I am/we are enrolled (or eligible to enrol) as a NZ parliamentary elector.

I authorise the Conservative Party of New Zealand to record my name as a financial member of the Conservative Party of New Zealand and the secretary of the Conservative Party of New Zealand to release this application form and subsequent financial membership details to the Electoral Commission for the purposes of the Conservative Party's registration under the Electoral Act 1993.

SIGNED :

PRIMARY APPLICANT SPOUSE/PARTNER DATE

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION :

Individual : \$10    Couple : \$15    Unwaged/Hardship : \$2

Please enclose your payment or pay directly to Bank Account # : 12-3488-0002002-000 (Use surname as reference).



# Every vote counts.

When you vote on Election Day (26th November 2011), make sure your vote will make a difference. It's important to remember that it's the party vote that determines the balance of who makes decisions for the country.

## **We are asking you to cast your party vote for the Conservative Party.**

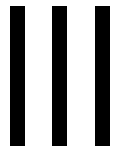
Every vote cast for the Conservative Party will count because Colin Craig can win a seat.

This is different from New Zealand First who can't win a seat. Many voters wasted their vote last election by voting New Zealand First. If you were one of those people we encourage you to vote for the Conservative Party to ensure your vote will count this time round.

Your vote is very important to us. Our country needs you to make the effort to vote again this election, so that we can get the country back to values that work.

## **Tick Conservative and make your vote count.**

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- Crown ownership of foreshore & seabed.
- Keep our assets.
- Repeal the Emission Trading Scheme.
- Binding referenda.
- Remove the ban on light smacking.
- Get prisoners working.
- Alcohol reform - including the drinking age back to 21.

**Party Vote**

