

**Submission  
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**INQUIRY INTO PLANNING SYSTEM AND THE IMPACTS  
OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND  
COMMUNITIES**

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I follow the science and know our future depends on good leadership, in every committee in every town in every decision from small to large we must consider the climate and the rapidity of its change.,

I make this submission with trepidation and lack of knowledge of the building industry.

I know that wood burns and dries out in extreme heat. I question the need to build future houses in timber.

Some Ideas I would like considered.

Planning for Underground Houses

Building houses to protect, be sustainable, using appropriate materials for the cold rain wind and extreme heat we will certainly experience in the next decade is paramount.

Mandatory Requirements.

Providing shade over concrete car parking areas and incorporating solar panels in the plan.

Planting trees in every avenue in every street is also a necessity and not a question to be debated.

Councils enabling Rainwater tanks greywater and drainage wastewater planning.

Community Gardens actively encouraged and supported by councils.

Brickworks rediscovered. and activated.

Banning residential areas in wetlands and coastal cliffs and erosion affected areas.

Banning Native Forest and Habitat logging.

Re-invent State Forests.

Plan Roads and Highways to go around rather than straight through.

Plan Bike ways in all areas., Protected bikeways, (there are too many cars on roads.)

Introducing awards for Car sharing and using public Transport.

Councils to buy electric Cars for their fleets.

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