



Report of the Petitions Committee

Petition of Jake Roos on behalf of Low Carbon Kāpiti: Stop the NZ Biofuels Obligation

June 2023

The Petitions Committee has considered the petition of Jake Roos, which was presented on 13 December 2022. The petition requests:

That the House of Representatives urge the Minister of Energy and Resources to drop plans for a proposed biofuels obligation and note that 3,002 people have signed a similar petition.

The petitioner told us that he was concerned about the Sustainable Biofuel Obligation Bill, which would introduce a requirement for entities supplying fossil fuels to also supply biofuels. The petitioner is concerned that the proposals in the bill would increase emissions, drive up food and fuel prices, destroy biodiversity, and increase deforestation.

On 27 April 2023 the Environment Committee reported back to the House on this bill. We understand that the Government no longer wishes to proceed with the biofuel obligation and intends to withdraw the bill. We trust that this will address the petitioner's concerns.

We have no further matters to bring to the attention of the House. We recommend that the House take note of our report.

Hon Jacqui Dean
Chairperson