Submission to Tim Groser, Minister for Climate Change Issues

Dear Mr. Grosser,

I would like to make a submission about the Intended Nationally Determined Contribution (INDC) for the upcoming United Nations Climate Negotiations in Paris later this year. New Zealand has a reputation as a global leader concerning environmental issues, and it is of paramount importance that this be reflected in our policy. Therefore, I ask that the Intended Nationally Determined Contribution (INDC):

(i) commits to a global and NZ zero carbon target by 2050 or sooner, with annual steps outlining how to get there as quickly as possible.

(ii) places an immediate moratorium on fossil fuel exploration, and pledges to phase out existing extraction in the next decade. All subsidies, tax-breaks and funding to fossil fuels are also phased out within the decade.

(iii) includes credible, transparent, cross-party plans, with a legislated, independent Climate Commission to ensure NZ meets its targets and stays within the global carbon budget.

(iv) Abides by the articles laid out in Te Tiriti o Waitangi

(v) includes health, fairness, and the environmental and social costs of inaction on climate change in the assessment of costs and benefits

(vi) follows a transparent decision-making process after the consultation process ends

Thank you for taking this into consideration.

Kind regards,

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