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Dear Hon Tim Groser (Minister Responsible for International Climate Change Negotiations, Minister of Trade),

Is your request for submissions on the New Zealand INDC simply a ploy to excuse your office from having to act to reduce emissions, over what is debatably the largest risk our country has ever faced?

Do you agree with the way in which the TPP negotiations, over what is described as the biggest agreement in the history of the world are neither publicised nor held to referenda in New Zealand?

I eagerly await your response to the above questions.

Yours Sincerely,

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I do not wish my name to be included in any summary of submissions that the Ministry may publish. However I am excited that we have been given such a challengingly short window of opportunity to be consulted on an issue of such importance to you and your children.

As well as talking about the benefits and creditability of targets, I want the Government to talk about plans actioning real change:

- Commit to have 100% clean electricity to attract foreign investment
- Nationalise the Huntly power station with the intention of conversion to produce clean air
- Match all subsidies for coal and deep sea prospecting with clean energy subsidies
- Access the risk of deep sea and coal seam oil and gas exploration in New Zealand
- Fixate on national targets that by 2050 more power comes from clean energy sources
- Reform electricity markets and educate the public on clean energy technologies
- Divide the \$12 billion road building programme to investment more in electric vehicles and the national cycleway
- Import and provide the infrastructure needs for hybrid and electric racing cars
- Estimate if the potential in plantation wood waste for transformative transport fuels could produce \$7 billion each year
- Make the Emissions Trading Scheme more efficient to encourage new business models
- Implement policies for farming methods to reduce market risk and increase farming profits
- Subsidise geothermal projects worth over \$4 billion a year to the economy
- Invest in New Zealand research for developing and trialling clean energy technologies
- Offer a New Zealand with cleaner, brighter and more secure locations

The World Bank says that the sooner action is taken, the more rewards can be expected to arise for the next generation. Benefits like cleaner air, more independence via transformative transport fuels, better national health and a more liveable Auckland. Our potentially 100% clean electricity portfolio is a pure marketing windfall for New Zealand.

I want New Zealand to walk the talk by committing to plans actioning real change (alongside marketing the benefits to primary sectors). The plans need to be backed up with a strategy of national targets. In order to achieve our plans we need creditable targets. Without clean targets, our roadways are just sealed with good intentions. We have targets for 2020 and 2050, under New Zealand's current policies they will have a minimum of benefit. Official projections say bad publicity costs will continue rising. Our international reputation must excel that much higher instead – we need global results.

Climate policy is a political footy game that requires cooperation across political spectrums and efforts to engage all parties. Major fumbles occur every time there's a rule change in the house. We need climate policy that steers us clearly towards a try line. This should allow businesses to make profitable long-term decisions and New Zealand could benefit by attracting investment in clean energy industries and innovation.

We can't wait for this exciting, smarter, future generation, I want to see a plan actioning real change drop-kick in this term of government. Delaying action is like leaving a bag of pineapple lumps in the sun, making it harder for our team to negotiate around defensive spending and

lumping young people to deal with a sticky mess in the future. We need to show other countries we are serious by having an authoritative independent voice in the climate debate, to advise whoever holds the balance of power on their policies, so we can trade on that stable partnership.

Tim Groser, Minister for Climate Change Issues, you should adopt a maximum clean target of \$52 billion. Treasury found that if taxpayers continue on their current trajectories, the benefit to New Zealand of crossing the 100% clean electricity try line should be up to \$52 billion. The sooner action is taken the more we can reduce the costs destined for our tourism and farming sectors. Our hotspot locations depend on stable climate policy. Our farmers suffer from increased price volatility and after damaging uncertainty profits will suffer.

The New Climate Economy Report released in 2014 by a team of internationally renowned economists, led by Lord Nicholas Stern, found that countries can improve their economic performance by adopting clean targets. The Chair of the Bank of America, the head of the OECD, the World Bank, the Vice Chair of Deutsche Bank, and many others, endorsed this finding.

It's in our national character to sit on the #8 wire fence and watch others get the high paying jobs. But it's time for us to do the right thing once in a blue moon. We were the first to give women the vote. We stood behind our Pacific neighbours in rejecting nuclear testing. Now's our chance to create plans actioning real change that New Zealanders can be proud to stand for. What do you stand for?

If nothing else, a post-2020 clean energy target should protect and could improve our national health. The Intended Nationally Determined Contribution (INDC) stable climate policy:

- (i) includes national health in the assessment of risk
- (ii) commits to a global result from NZ's 100% clean electricity target brand with annual steps to get there
- (iii) pledges at least as creditable clean targets by 2020 as compared with our 1990 strategy, towards adopting a maximum clean target of up to \$52 billion by 2050
- (iv) undertakes an immediate assessment of risk on deep sea and coal seam oil and gas exploration, and pledges to match all subsidies for existing extraction with clean energy conversion subsidies in the next decade
- (v) includes creditable cooperation across political spectrums and efforts to engage all parties in the INDC, to score an authoritative independent voice in the climate debate, as an advisor to whoever holds the balance of power, ensuring NZ is an attractive investment for clean energy industries and innovation from climate policy stability.

Objective for the contribution:

1. The INDC must guide New Zealand's timely adoption of a 100% clean electricity target that benefits our economy

The top priority is to see a plan actioning real change drop-kick within this government's term followed by annual peaks in benefits. INDC stable climate policy must incentivise sector actions aiming to centralise national health, future-proof our hotspot locations, build on our clean energy strengths, produce clean air and transform transport fuels, result in a sustainable and healthy \$52 billion benefit to the economy by 2050. Farming methods must diversify research

then use clean energy technology to reduce market risk and increase farming profits.