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Submission to Tim Groser, Minister for Climate Change Issues:

Kia ora Minister

This submission outlines my views on the Government's Climate Change consultation process My Name is Penny Carnaby [REDACTED]

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I am very concerned about the NZ Government's lack of action or commitment to the resolving the very serious issues presented by climate change and global warming generally. I urge the Government to take this issue seriously and in doing so provide the sort of international leadership that NZ is justifiably respected for. In our past we have been proud of our stance on a nuclear free NZ and a number of other issues where we have earned the respect of the rest of the world. On these occasions we have stood as one nation and have put aside partisan viewpoints and political loyalties. I urge you to lead an all of Government initiative in engaging with what is probably the most serious issue ever faced by mankind. We owe it to future generations to begin to address some of the damage my generation has been responsible for.

It just doesn't make sense on any front to water down NZ's response. The course we are taking at the moment is not only damaging to the environment and to our water and air quality but it also gets to the very heart of what we are so proud of as New Zealanders. While there is clear scientific evidence showing the negative impact of climate change New Zealand also risks damaging our reputation as a "clean and green" country.

In specific terms I ask you to consider.

Adopting a minimum target of a 40% emissions reduction in net emissions below 1990 levels by 2030 – the minimum contribution required to keep us under 2 degrees global warming. The Government consultation document treats action on climate change as a cost, whereas failure to take action is actually the cost. Treasury found that if New Zealand continues on its current trajectory of increasing emissions, the cost to taxpayers of even a modest 5% reduction target will be up to \$52 billion. The more we lower our emissions the more we will reduce this cost. Climate change is a threat to our economy and the things it most depends on, like tourism and farming. Our agricultural nation depends on a stable climate. Our farmers will suffer increased droughts and damaging storms and profits will suffer. Responding to climate change is worth our while. 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 while cutting emissions. 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. I request that you stop downplaying our responsibility for climate change saying New Zealand is too small to make a difference. It's not

in our national character to sit on the fence and watch others get the job done. It's time for us to do the right thing again. 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 a climate plan that New Zealanders can be proud to stand behind, and that starts with a target of reducing emissions by at least 40% by 2030.

Thank you for considering my submission Penny Carnaby