

**June 3rd, 2015**

**Minister for Climate Change**

Dear Minister Groser,

I would like my submission heard regarding the Intended Nationally Determined Contribution (INDC) and how ambitious I think the New Zealand emission reduction targets should be (in preparation for the upcoming United Nations Climate Negotiations in Paris later this year). I am, and believe New Zealand is, ready for ambitious targets accompanied by a robust plan about how to meet them.

I would like to express my absolute concern for New Zealanders and citizens of this earth regarding the known affects climate change will have, should we not curb our ways fast.

I believe it OUR DUTY (and OUR BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY) to ensure that as a nation we are striving to mitigate the issue of anthropogenic caused Climate Change. As such I believe the following points should be requirements with regard to New Zealand's Intended Nationally Determined Contribution.

New Zealand should:

(i) commit 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) place an immediate **moratorium on fossil fuel exploration**, and pledge to phase out existing extraction within the decade. All subsidies, funding and tax breaks to the fossil fuel industry should be required to be phased out within the decade (tax payer moneys should be de-vested from all fossil fuel associated activities - and reinvested in R&D and truly renewable energies)

(iii) include **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) Abide by the **articles laid out in Te Tiriti o Waitangi**

(v) include **health, fairness, and the true costs of inaction on climate change** in the assessment of costs and benefits

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

Tim, please support New Zealand in leading the world in ceasing negative contribution to this global issue. Help us focus on developing innovative business opportunities in response to climate change which promote a more environmentally conscious way forward.

Tim, please lead that change on our behalf.

Thank you for your time.

Please acknowledge receipt of this email.

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