Submission on Climate Change.

I want the emissions target for NZ to be 25% less than 1990 levels by 2030.

That there be no more deep sea exploration or drilling, already a risky proposition due to...
A- the risk level for oil spills, as emphasised by the number of accidents in the last few weeks worldwide, this not only would impact on our supposed Clean Green NZ image but also damage our fish stocks and the kelp industry.
B- as an earthquake prone area it seems irresponsible to subject NZ to possible extra seismic risk due to drilling along faultlines eg off East Cape. Fracking is also fraught with questions of safety, as in the UK where it has been said that fracking has created small earthquakes where none had been before.

Any subsidies given to the Oil and Gas industry would be better spent on rapid rail in cities, designated bus lanes, electrifying and expanding our railways so that all heavy goods can be transferred to rail, a much more efficient way of moving logs and machinery.
Also a push to have all cars electric or at least hybrids by 2025 and recharging facilities at regular intervals in town, country and motorways. For hybrids, fuel from wood or plant source to be incentivised through subsidies and/or tax breaks, this would also be of great benefit to Northland. We have so many very clever people in NZ, with ideas for solar and other sustainable energy production, we could lead the world and have a multi billion dollar industry if only they were given the support that at the moment is given to polluting unsustainable industries, often owned by off shore companies.

All coal use to be banned, and training given to coal miners to help them move into a different career while coal is being phased out, then, when coal is dead, they will be ready and prepared to move on. China and India are gradually moving from coal so this would be a good move economically for us.

To have our rivers 90% pure before discharging into the sea by 2020 and 100% by 2050.

Help farmers to move from land destroying methods being used now by many, to a more sustainable level of farming using humectants and natural compost rather than chemical fertilisers and excessive water. Encourage them to use fungi as proposed in the book "Mycelium Running" to clean up animal effluent and to clean up the water ways on their properties and to improve their soil. It's no good farmers saying they have fragile soil and then running hundreds of sheep on it without any remedial work being done.

I hope that the Government will move to totally move to protect our environment from ANY pollution, the future of our country and our people, their health and wellbeing is paramount for our survival and our economic well-being.

Yours Truly,

Zenia and Tony Dunkley,