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Submission to Tim Groser, Minister for Climate Change Issues

Dear Mr Groser,

I have just been informed there is less than a week to make a submission on the Government's climate consultation process, and I am really disappointed at the lack of media and meetings around the country. I'll keep it brief, as it's simply a case of not being able to ignore what is the biggest issue of our time. It really is time that New Zealand backs up its beautiful image and leads the way in reducing emissions. Things are changing rapidly and it's just so sad what a money driven society we live in. I have children and I am genuinely worried for them and their children's futures. We would love to see some really ambitious targets and a robust plan on how to meet them to present at the upcoming United Nations Climate Negotiations in Paris later this year.

We 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 within the decade. All subsidies, funding and tax breaks to the fossil fuel industry 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 true 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

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