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Tim Grocer
Minister for Climate Change Issues

Dear Mr Grocer,

I would like to add my voice to the many urging the New Zealand Government to commit to ambitious carbon emission reductions at the United Nations Climate Negotiations in Paris 2015.

Climate change is upon us. Not a week goes by without report of “worst floods on record”, “worst blizzard in living memory”, or “the severest drought ever recorded” coming from some corner of the globe, including our own. We must take the difficult but decisive steps now if we are return this country/this earth to our children, grandchildren and future generations.

I would like to see the New Zealand Government commit to a zero carbon target by 2050 or sooner, placing an immediate moratorium on fossil fuel exploration. We need policies with teeth rather than lip service to the “idea” of carbon reduction. Credible, transparent, cross-party plans should be the legacy of this government.

The 2015 Discussion Document coolly asks New Zealanders to consider what is economically affordable regarding emission reduction targets. Affordability also needs to be measured against environmental disaster and loss of human life, the impending legacies of climate change that the document is too squeamish to consider.

Please represent the urgings of New Zealanders in Paris, and go down on the right side of history. The impact on the economy may even be balanced the international attractiveness of buying from such a progressively green economy, but that’s hardly the issue.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'ABG', written over a light grey circular stamp.

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