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Submission to Tim Groser, Minister for Climate Change Issues:

I submit as an individual.
I do not wish to make an oral submission.

New Zealand's Emission Reduction Targets to be considered as follows:

Climate change threatens our economic and environmental future and that of our children and grandchildren as declining profits and environment degradation is a result of unstable weather events.

Intended Nationally Determined Contribution (INDC):

- New Zealand's emissions have increased considerably over the past few years. Unfortunately New Zealand has been slow to reduce its emissions. Global warming presents an economic threat with implications for farming and tourism as so-called 100 year droughts or floods increase – also the health sector and personal wellbeing.
- Low reduction of emissions increase risks to low lying Pacific Islands with already damagingly high sea levels.
- I believe our government agencies have a moral and financial duty in light of the above to divest from the fossil fuel industry and cancel consent for fossil fuel exploration.
- I believe New Zealand Parliament (cross party accord) should introduce policies to meet at least 40% reduction in carbon emissions by 2030 or as soon as possible to keep global warming below the tipping point for the planet (2%).
- I request a timetable of practical steps to achieve this target with strict adherence. An independent body to ensure compliance should be established.
- I think a 40% target for global reduction in carbon emissions would take global emissions back to below the 1990 levels.
- I support New Zealand's contribution to negotiations at the UN meeting in Paris later this year.

I thank you for the opportunity to contribute to the Climate Change consultation.

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