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Submission on Climate Change Contribution Consultation

I ask you to adopt a minimum target of a 40% reduction in net emissions below 1990 levels by 2030 – the minimum contribution required to keep us under 2 degrees global warming.

The Government consultation document treats action on climate change as a cost, whereas failure to take action is actually the cost. Treasury found that if New Zealand continues on its current trajectory of increasing emissions, the cost to taxpayers of even a modest 5% reduction target will be up to \$52 billion. The more we lower our emissions the more we will reduce this cost.

Climate change is a threat to our economy and the things it most depends on, like tourism and farming. Our agricultural nation depends on a stable climate. Our farmers will suffer increased droughts and damaging storms and profits will suffer.

Responding to climate change is worth our while. The New Climate Economy Report released in 2014 by a team of internationally renowned economists, led by Lord Nicholas Stern, found that countries can improve their economic performance while cutting emissions. The Chair of the Bank of America, the head of the OECD, the World Bank, the Vice Chair of Deutsche Bank, and many others, endorsed this finding.

I request that you stop downplaying our responsibility for climate change saying New Zealand is too small to make a difference. It's not in our national character to sit on the fence and watch others get the job done.

It's time for us to do the right thing again. We were the first to give women the vote. We stood behind our Pacific neighbours in rejecting nuclear testing. Now's our chance to create a climate plan that New Zealanders can be proud to stand behind, and that starts with a target of reducing emissions by at least 40% by 2030.

Other Comments:

NZ's emissions have been increasing over the last few years not reducing - we need to get our act together as a country and take serious action NOW - stop keep putting it off - time is running out.

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Submission to Tim Groser, Minister for Climate Change Issues

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Unfortunately I was not able to make any of the consultation meetings held around the country. Hence my submission below.

We need strong, robust climate change targets and initiatives NOW

1. It is vitally important that the Intended Nationally Determined Contribution 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. It is acknowledged by all the governments in the world that climate change is the issue of our time. However their rates of action to address this most important issue vary. Ours is business as usual, which is appalling. We are a small country but instead of reducing our emissions we have been increasing them.
2. Place an immediate moratorium on fossil fuel exploration, and 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. Instead we should be investing in new and alternative energies. NZ could and should be leading the way and setting a good example by placing a moratorium on fossil fuel exploration in NZ waters NOT encouraging it. It could be easy for us as we already produce a lot of our energy through renewable sources yet we still continue to support the use of coal.
3. The NZ government produces **credible, transparent, cross-party plans**, with a legislated, independent Climate Commission to ensure NZ meets its targets and stays within the global carbon budget. The Prime Ministers recent comment that the NZ economy will suffer if we do this is ridiculous as if we do not commit to a zero carbon target by 2050 then the economy as we know it will be non existent anyway.
4. Comments such as the PMs are based on a short term view and an old purely economic paradigm which is no longer appropriate. The true costs of climate change inaction should include health, housing, rising immigration, water shortages, and knock on effects of sea level rise, food production and myriad of others.
5. After this consultation process ends I would also like to see a transparent decision-making process put into place.

yours sincerely Hilary Iles