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To whom it may concern,

Although I have been given an unacceptably short opportunity to be consulted on an issue of such importance, I am submitting the following points as a concerned voter, a New Zealand citizen, and as one of the 4.5 million people the New Zealand government is representing at the upcoming United Nations Climate Change Conference in Paris.

It is clear from the documents released that the Government is not serious about acting on climate change. The framework these documents reflect do not reflect the wishes of New Zealanders, as shown in studies such as: <http://www.victoria.ac.nz/cacr/research/environment/perceptions-of-sea-level-rise>. The recently released documents are asking the wrong questions as they do they reflect an action plan framework that has New Zealand's best interest's in mind. It is clear that New Zealand has a lot to loose from Climate change [https://www.nzclimatechangecentre.org/research/ipcc-fifth-assessment-report-new-zealand-findings] and a lot to gain from global mitigation of the effects of human pollutant induced climate change. Please see "Challenges raise and opportunities afforded in: <https://www.nzclimatechangecentre.org/research/ipcc-fifth-assessment-report-new-zealand-findings>

I submit the following as priorities for government planning and action:

- Phase out all subsidies for fossil fuels like coal and deep sea oil drilling
- Prioritise the import and infrastructure needs (e.g fast charging points) for hybrid and electric vehicles.
- Introduce incentives to harness the enormous potential in plantation wood waste to sustainable transport fuels. It has been estimated that this could create tens of thousands of jobs in the forestry sector and help reduce our oil imports bill by \$7billion each year.
- Make the Emissions Trading Scheme more stringent so that it works, enabling industry to move away from polluting energies.
- Implement policies to incentify 'low input' farming methods that are proven to reduce pollution and increase farming profits.
- Prioritise geothermal projects to realise enormous export opportunities in our geothermal industry, which could be worth up over \$4 billion a year to the economy.
- Promote New Zealand as an international centre of excellence for developing and trialling ocean energy technologies.

Without a real action plan to reduce climate pollution, the Government risks damaging our global reputation and the sustainability of our economy. But most importantly, they are denying New Zealanders the cleaner, smarter and safer future that we all deserve.

Sincerely,
Amos Mann