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Tena koe Hon. Tim Groser,

Please find following my submission on **New Zealand's emissions reduction target**.

I request that your delegation to Paris commits to a **global and NZ zero carbon target by 2050 or sooner** with annual steps to get there as quickly as possible.

It is apparent from the consequences of oil exploration globally, and the potential ramifications of fossil fuel exploration locally in New Zealand conditions, that we should choose to place an **immediate moratorium on fossil fuel exploration**, and pledge to phase out existing extraction in the next decade. **All subsidies, tax-breaks and funding to fossil fuels** should also be phased out within this decade.

Acknowledgment and progress on this matter includes addressing **health and fairness and the true cost of inaction on climate change in the assessment of costs and benefits**.

I amongst many others would support and encourage **credible, transparent, cross-party plans to achieve this**, with a legislated **independent Climate Commission** to ensure NZ meets its targets and stays within the global carbon budget.

In the process, the articles **laid out in Te Tiriti o Waitangi** must be respected and adhered to.

I welcome your invitation to make a submission on this topic and request that you ensure a **transparent decision-making process** after the consultation period ends.

Nga mihi nui,

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