

Submission to Tim Groser, Minister for Climate Change Issues

Dear Mr. Grosser,

I would like to make a submission about the Intended Nationally Determined Contribution (INDC) for the upcoming United Nations Climate Negotiations in Paris later this year. New Zealand has a reputation as a global leader concerning environmental issues, and it is of paramount importance that this be reflected in our policy. Therefore, I ask that the Intended Nationally Determined Contribution (INDC):

(i) 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.

(ii) places an immediate **moratorium on fossil fuel exploration**, and pledges to 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

(iii) includes **credible, transparent, cross-party plans**, with a legislated, independent Climate Commission to ensure NZ meets its targets and stays within the global carbon budget.

(iv) Abides by the **articles laid out in Te Tiriti o Waitangi**

(v) includes **health, fairness, and the environmental and social costs of inaction on climate change** in the assessment of costs and benefits

(vi) follows a **transparent decision-making process** after the consultation process ends

Thank you for taking this into consideration.

Kind regards,

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