Submission to Tim Groser, Minister for Climate Change Issues

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 true 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

Such is the magnitude of this issue for New Zealanders and everyone in the world that it is crucially important that our government takes a clear leadership role on climate change. We think the above measures would be a step in that direction.

Thank you for this opportunity to contribute.

yours faithfully

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