

## Climate Change Contribution Consultation

Dear Mr Groser

I am writing this submission to express my concern about the ongoing failure of the New Zealand government to address climate change. Climate change is a threat to New Zealand's social, cultural and environmental wellbeing as well as to our economy. For example failure to reduce emissions will have a devastating impact on the farming sector that is dependant on a stable climate. Treasury has found that if New Zealand emissions continue on its current trajectory the cost to taxpayers will be in the billions. We need to lower our emissions to reduce this cost. 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 submit that New Zealand:

- adopt a **minimum target of a 40% emissions reduction** in net emissions below 1990 levels by 2030 – the minimum required to keep us under 2 degrees global warming.
- Commit to the more ambitious target of achieving **zero carbon emissions by 2050**.

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