Submission to Tim Groser, Minister for Climate Change Issues

This is a submission on the Intended Nationally Determined Contribution (INDC) for the climate negotiations in Paris.

As a scientist working on trace gas analyses of greenhouse gases I understand the risks that arise from inappropriate action on climate change mitigation. I urge the New Zealand government to become a world leader for combatting climate change and to develop an exemplary plan for national emissions reductions that is based on the scientific evidence as to the required cuts.

Specifically I urge to develop a planning framework that:

- Accounts for the true costs not only of the implementation of emissions reductions but also of the costs and risks of failing such reductions, including costs on health, infrastructure, agriculture and other industries.
- Establishes clearly defined steps to achieve global and domestic emission reductions by 50% in the year 2050 (or sooner) and the complete phasing out of carbon emissions by 2080.
- Establishes a legislated Climate Commission that is independent and non-partisan to oversee the realisation of the above goal.
- Immediately terminates all subsidies, funding and tax breaks for fossil fuel exploration, production and commerce.

Sincerely,

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