


## **Submission to the Government's Climate Change Contribution Consultation on emissions reductions targets.**

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Dear Sir/Madam

Given that the objective of the 2015 conference is to achieve, for the first time in over 20 years of UN negotiations, a binding and universal agreement on climate, from all the nations of the world,

**I ask our Government to develop a real climate action plan using the best available science to take to Paris as our legally binding Intended Nationally Determined Contribution.**

In determining the NZ contribution I ask that you:

### **Keep the big picture:**

The overarching goal of the Convention is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to limit the global temperature increase to 2 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels.

It is not to sustain corporate profits at the cost of all humanity and life on our planet.

### **The NZ government contribution must be based on the best available science, not on conjecture, economic or corporate deals:**

Real-time monitoring and reporting on global climate disruption is robust. The 2014 IPCC report consolidated 55,000 peer reviewed papers for best current knowledge to set the crucial actions needed immediately. Actively ignoring the IPCC will not make the accruing disasters go away.

The scale of climate change is such that immediate action must call on the big corporate structures to pay for transitioning to clean renewable energy as fast as possible. Playing with small changes (impacting only the on-the-street people) is already being shown to be too little, too late.

Commit to a 40% carbon emission reduction by 2020.

### **Show Leadership and be ethical global citizens at the Paris talks:**

Stop obstructing. Use our recognised national voice to advocate for the big powers and polluters to make the biggest concessions. We need to do this for our Pacific nations especially urgently.

The government needs to stop using the excuse that we are too small to contribute. Our footprint is far reaching – from a multinational dairy industry that utilises deforestation for palm-based dairying industry, to the control and use of our large EEZ.

**Invest in New Zealanders' skill and resourcefulness to create renewable, low carbon local solutions and technologies**

Go to Paris with a commitment to find the best alternative solutions worldwide, and to make it happen here. Commit to 100% renewable energy by 2025.

Listen to what NZ communities are suggesting and do everything to support them to do it.

There are many robust options in the submissions you have received. I endorse those based on genuine climate science rather than corporate economic stonewalling.

**Stop subsidising the fossil fuel industry in New Zealand.**

It is time to demand that the wealthiest polluters – the fossil fuel industry – pay their share. Ban fracking and deep sea drilling.

Do not sign the TPPA and other anti action agreements.

I am very able to follow the terrifying science of climate change, and do so alongside the facts of the economic complete disregard to what is happening. The NZ government's determination to profit from the unthinkable is wrong at every level.

Sincerely

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