

## Submission to Tim Groser, Minister for Climate Change Issues

Dear Mr Groser,

I am a father to three beautiful, crazy, wonderful children all under the age of 10 and I am concerned for their future in this beautiful, crazy, wonderful world if we don't act now to limit the damage caused by climate change. Ahead of the United Nations climate negotiations in Paris later this year and your consultations about how ambitious New Zealand's emission reduction targets should be can I request that the Intended Nationally Determined Contribution (INDC):

(i) commits to a **global and NZ zero carbon target by 2050 or sooner** with annual steps to get there as quickly as possible

(ii) places an **immediate moratorium on fossil fuel exploration**, and pledges to phase out existing extraction in the next decade. All subsidies, tax-breaks and funding to fossil fuels 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 and fairness and the true cost of inaction on climate change** in the assessment of costs and benefits

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

Yours sincerely,  
Robert Tighe