



Submission to Tim Groser, Minister for Climate Change Issues

Dear Mr Groser

Aotearoa/New Zealand has a unique opportunity to be part of a growing movement of nations that recognise the immediate human and environmental calamity presented by climate change, which is already making itself apparent in weather systems. I elected you because I wanted our country to act responsibly. I am appalled and embarrassed by our country's record on these issues, and you should be too.

So here's my response to your consultation. I ask that our INDC should commit to a global and NZ zero carbon target by 2030, and that there should be with annual steps outlining how to get there as quickly as possible.

I want to see an immediate moratorium on fossil fuel exploration, and I want to see our government amongst those who are no longer subsidies, funding and tax breaks to the fossil fuel industry. Immediately.

I want to see the national party working across parties to produce credible plans to reduce our emissions, and a legislated independent Climate Commission to ensure NZ meets its targets and stays within the global carbon budget. The true cost of your party's inaction on climate change needs to be factored into assessments on costs and benefits.

Mr Groser, I have little grandchildren. Perhaps you do too, or children. We grew up in a wonderful New Zealand; we were so lucky. All I can do is write you this letter but **you** personally have the power to make a difference to what happens in NZ for them.

Please be responsible!

Thank you

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