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I am concerned about the real threat posed by climate change. Please consider the following:

- Match the European Union's pledge to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 40% by 2030
- The Government's consultation document is seriously flawed. It treats action on climate change as a cost, whereas, in fact, failure to take action is actually the cost
- Four-week consultation period is nowhere near long enough for such an important national debate - we are see more information, more consultation and more money spent on discussions around changing our flag - this rushed process is due to a lack of ambition, managing expectations downwards, rather than genuinely seeking ideas with a view to creating good and effective policy.
- very disappointed by the lack of evidence and background information provided in the discussion document
- there is no apparent effort to quantify the risks of inaction, or the benefits to be delivered by the economic transformation to a low-carbon economy
- The discussion document makes a number of claims about cost but we have no idea what assumptions have been made. Does this consider the cost of doing nothing, or the benefits of a cleaner economy?"
- 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.
- Numbers in the New Zealand consultation paper that look at the cost to households of stopping climate change totally ignore the huge economic benefits of cutting emissions, the cost to taxpayers of not cutting emissions.
- The Government needs to front up and release all of the analysis and modelling to give us the fair, open and well-informed discussion we deserve."
- New Zealand can be world leader in the development of clean technologies
- For our grandchildren's futures, we can't go on like this
- There are lots of kiwis who want New Zealand to be ambitious, visionary and internationally respected rather than a country that is trying to get away with doing the minimum

Thank you

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