Kia ora,

We are a charitable trust which focuses on freshwater education and restoration, with particular regard to endangered native fish species.

We are concerned about the impact climate change will have on many of our most endangered native fish species. Some inland non-migratory species are limited by altitude/temperature barriers and therefore effected by change in temperatures, as will many of our lowland species who have already suffered population losses due to the recent drought in Canterbury. The resulting extinctions of both native fauna and flora may impact on NZ's 'clean, green environmentally friendly' international brand, and we will lose the very unique species which make NZ such a special country.

We ask that the NZ government take a strong, leadership position on acting on climate change. More specifically, we ask that the Intended Nationally Determined Contribution (INDC):

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

(ii) places an immediate moratorium on fossil fuel exploration, and pledges to phase out existing extraction within the decade. All subsidies, funding and tax breaks to the fossil fuel industry 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, fairness, and the true costs of inaction on climate change in the assessment of costs and benefits
(vi) follows a transparent decision-making process after the consultation process ends

Thank you for the opportunity to submit on this critically important issue.

Kind regards,

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