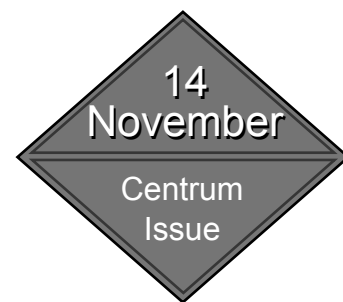


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'I am an Australian . . .'

I am an Australian. Which is quite an admission in these halls at the moment.

People keep coming up to me and asking what's going on? Why is my government doing such terrible things on climate policy? Why are they so addicted to coal? Why are they so determined to go backwards? How can they trash their climate policies when the rest of the world is meeting here in Warsaw to try and move forward on climate? And particularly when our neighbouring countries, especially the Philippines, are suffering such devastation.

But the main question they ask me is - do the Australian people support all of this negativity and destruction?

The answer to that question is they categorically do not. The majority of Australian people do not support repealing the carbon price, trashing renewable energy support, dismantling the Climate Change Authority and the Clean Energy Finance Corporation and winding back support for a long-term target of reducing carbon pollution by 80% by 2050.

If you want evidence of that look no further than the story of Australia's Climate Commission. One of the first things the new government did was shut down this publicly funded body. But within only one week, over 20,000 Australians donated to get this vital organization back on its feet.

Ordinary Australians are keen for action on climate change because we've lived through its beginnings. We've seen "one in a hundred year floods" happen in Queensland twice in a period of just twelve months. And in the same period Queensland copped it with Cyclone Yasi - the worst cyclone in nearly 100 years. We've had the worst drought ever within the last decade - and

parts of the country are in drought again. In Sydney, where I live, we just had devastating bushfires, in October - mid Spring! But of course none of this comes close to the devastation of Typhoon Haiyan.

Recent polling showed that the majority of Australians want a higher target (15% or 25%), as our country's independent Climate Change Authority recommended. And 65% of people said they wanted stronger action on climate change.

The Coalition that Prime Minister Abbott leads have a long-standing policy of supporting this target range, set back in 2009, along with the conditions for moving up the range. We need immediate clarification from our the government on where they now stand.

Most Australians know it's in our national interest to get serious about climate change. Not only because we along with so many of our neighbours are so vulnerable to climate change, but also because unless we increase our target and take more action, we're in danger of falling behind the rest of the world.

So listen up, Prime Minister Abbott. We're expecting you to come to the Ban Ki-moon Summit in September 2014. We're expecting you to put a real target for 2020 on the table, along with long term goals for mitigation and climate finance that reflect Australia's fair share. And we Australians will be pushing every day to make sure you do this. Starting this Sunday - where Australians in every corner of the country will be at a National Day of Action (www.theheat.org.au).

(This is an edited version of a statement by Julie-Anne Richards at yesterday's CAN press conference.)

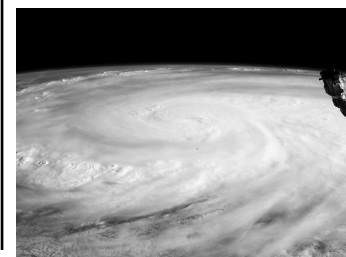
Farewell to Fossil Fuels

It's not enough to cap emissions or reduce their growth. To prevent warming of 2°C or more, net emissions need to be brought to zero. This was a key message from the IPCC presentations in yesterday's expert dialogue on the 2013-2015 review.

The IPCC concentration pathway that keeps below 2°C implies that fossil fuel emissions must peak before 2020 and get to zero by 2070 (see IPCC WG1 Figure TS.19). And it would have to be much faster if we don't want to rely on negative emissions after 2070, or peak and decline doesn't happen early enough, or we take into account "surprise factors" and feedbacks not included in the models.

On Tuesday, the International Energy Agency released their latest World Energy Outlook, again repeating their message that meeting the 2°C target (with about 50% likelihood) means that two thirds of proven fossil fuel reserves must remain in the ground. Furthermore, three quarters of the world's proven but not yet in production oil reserves will have to remain untapped - leaving no space for Arctic oil.

ECO wonders when countries will truly accept this reality - that we simply need to get rid of fossil fuel altogether, and leave vast majority of the oil, coal and gas we've found in the ground.



Please Don't Split Up

ECO found this letter in the waste bin next to Plenary 1. Can we help make this relationship work . . . ?

My dearest,

Since our winter holiday in Copenhagen, where you proposed our marriage, I feel that you have never stopped breaking your promises. All we do is talk, talk and talk some more – and yet, you still don't get it.

You have to stop spending all your money on expensive cars and fancy jets, and start helping me and the family. This is the last straw. I need reassurance that we have a future, that we will grow old together.

I need action rather than words. Tell me what the future will bring – you and I need a global roadmap to the 100 billion so I know you really mean what you promised. Don't try to cheat on me; don't make some private company fulfill your promises. It really should be all public money. Don't forget your promise to send an immediate check for our children's Adaptation Fund, and make sure you order that transfer to our GCF saving account by 2014. And finally, I really need you to commit at least 50% of our savings to be spent for adaptation.

Look, darling, we really need to sort this out. If you do not get your act together now, I really don't think I can marry you in 2015.

Yours,

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Closing the Short-Term EU Mitigation Gap

EU: where is your short-term mitigation ambition?

We all know that if the ambition gap is not closed or significantly narrowed by 2020, the door will close on many options to limit temperature increase to 1.5° C.

An interesting truth is that the EU has already met its 20% target for 2020 eight years ahead of schedule. Including international offset credits, European greenhouse gas emissions were actually down nearly 27% on 1990 levels in 2012!

Therefore, it is a no-regrets option to make these reductions legally binding domestically and internationally, and adopt a 40% reduction target for 2020. And the EU has a concrete opportunity to do so in the context of revising its commitments under the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol before May 2014.

A key policy instrument here is the EU Emissions Trading System, the world's first international cap-and trade system, covering nearly half

of the EU's carbon emissions. The European carbon market must be reformed quickly as it is increasingly ineffective as a tool to control pollution. It suffers from an oversupply of almost two billion emission allowances, mainly due to a record use of international offset credits, which has caused the carbon price to crash to under less than 5 Euro.

What's needed is a bold decision to remove surplus allowances permanently from the market and to adopt a steeper emissions reduction trajectory.

Based on its experience with domestic targets, the EU is well-placed to call for a framework that hastens the roll-out of renewables and energy efficiency through enhanced international collaboration.

The EU should ensure its 2020 climate and energy package demonstrates how ambition leads to success. At stake is not only the EU's credibility but indeed the integrity of its climate policy.



FOSSIL OF THE DAY AWARD

The **First Place Fossil** goes to **Australia**. Overnight, the Australian government tabled legislation to repeal effective climate policy. Instead they hope to bring in an almost Orwellian "direct action plan" which they claim will meet their paltry 5% reduction target.

As well as repealing the carbon price, the bills will also strip \$435 million in funding from the Australian Renewable Energy Agency and remove \$10 billion of investment in clean energy. In an extra outrageous statement the Prime Minister Tony Abbott opened the new parliament with the bold claim to the Australian people that "as far as the government is concerned, the adults are back in charge."

Today's **Second Place Fossil** goes to **Turkey**. For those who may not know, Turkey has increased its carbon emissions 124% from 1990 levels, and in the past few years, has recorded the largest relative increase in annual carbon emissions. Turkey is the 4th biggest coal investor in the world. And it is an Annex 1 country without any pledges. Also, this country has recently issued an exemption to all state owned electricity production companies on all environmental permits and legally binding environmental investments until 2021.

And Turkey didn't bring one single person to Warsaw from the Ministry of Environment or even from the Climate Change Department. We don't want to believe that Turkey is only here in the participate to Coal & Climate Summit.

Last, we award a **Fossil of Disbelief** to **Canada**. With Australia taking steps to dismantle its climate protection program and its carbon price, the Canadian government jumped at the opportunity to take Question Period talking points to the international stage. We shake our heads in disbelief that a government publicly congratulates others on dodging their responsibility on climate change while people are dying from climate impacts. That's why we award Canada the Fossil of Disbelief today.

Full Fossil texts at:

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