Climate Change is happening now.

It will not stop on its own.

The New Zealand government has a responsibility to citizens now, and to our children and their children, to take meaningful action.

The threat posed by Climate Change is far more important than the differences of party politics, so I urge the government and the other major political parties to negotiate a binding cross-party agreement that will commit New Zealand to active transition to a low-carbon future.

This means making a clear commitment to reduce Greenhouse Gas emissions, adhering to the mitigation option proposed by the IPCC Mitigation Report 2014, that will keep us below a 2 degree Celsius rise in global average temperature.

I further urge the Government to outline a clear action-plan, setting out the steps that will need to be taken as part of this commitment, so that we as a country can demonstrate that we are taking action NOW, not at some vague future date.

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