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Together we have a choice. As a nation, we can either allow our natural resources to be consumed at such a rate that we bankrupt our own environmental future, or we can take responsibility for management and sustainability of our finite resources. We, as citizens, know that our drinking water is becoming more and more polluted, just like our air. We, as people of New Zealand, know that the issues we have now are caused by the actions of people 50 years in the past. Therefore our current actions are influencing our children and grandchildren's futures. We should be looking 50 years into the future in order to preserve the quality of life New Zealand has to offer. If you want a future worth living in, where the beaches are clean, the air is breathable and children don't wither and die inside their mothers from nitrate poisoning in the water (blue baby syndrome) then YOU must take control of the future of our environment NOW, before we lose the ability to mitigate the consequences of actions we made for financial gain. You are in control of your future as well as ours. The people of New Zealand know that GDP might be important to you at the government level, but most Kiwis consider themselves rich for the ability to go out and enjoy the beauty we still have. If you don't think we have it good, and you don't think we must act NOW, then I EMPLOY you to please travel to places such as south-east Asia and other developing nations. Where I witnessed first-hand governments selling the future of their children to palm oil companies. Remember, you are a public figure. Do you not worry that your name will be on the list of the people who sat by and did nothing while our ability to maintain our nation rotted away? How bad can carbon neutral really be? Yours sincerely, R Glenjarman