I wish to add my voice to the necessity of New Zealand representatives at the forthcoming Paris conference on global warming to speak out strongly about this urgent problem. There is more evidence for changing weather patterns and rising waters, especially in the Pacific region, than evidence of non-change. Look at the fate of Kiribati as one example.

There is progress in the manufacture and promotion of electric cars, wind turbines and solar panels, but the public must be prepared to accept these different methods of power, so a big push by governments is necessary to promote these processes to give people confidence to change. Big businesses should be expected to change their methods of production too.

The actual urgency of the problem is beyond politics. Consciousness of the problem should be a normal behavioural process of change in thinking and acting.

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