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Dear Madam/ Sir,

We are now facing a planetary crisis that will in the coming years or decades wipe out the vast majority of life on this planet including all or almost all humans.

There is a three year lag on peer reviewed papers which the IPCC can consider ensuring that they are forever looking in the rear view mirror. In a time of abrupt climate change this is an unforgiveable omission and dereliction of duty ignoring the precautionary principle.

The Arctic Methane Emergency group, climate scientist Malcolm Light, Paul Beckwith from the university of Ottawa and Professor emeritus of the university of Arizona Guy McPherson who toured NZ last year with me to raise public awareness of the danger we are facing, are some of the few scientists and academics addressing the true severity of this catastrophe.

On top of our enormous carbon footprint, fourth highest per/ capita, we have unleashed the genie of methane hydrates from the ocean depths all around the world including off the coast of NZ (NZ herald link here; http://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=11441247). Additionally the permafrost in the Arctic is now melting and as you are aware this is now an irreversible phenomenon.

Methane was the driving force behind the Permian extinction and has inexplicably been dropped from the IPCC considerations, another breach of the precautionary principle.

Our Pacific Island neighbours are bearing the brunt of the developed world's emissions and I believe we need to formulate a satisfactory compensation framework and a policy on welcoming their people into NZ as their islands become increasingly un-inhabitable (sample link here; <http://alj.am/1H265yd>).

In light of the above information I believe that we have to set a negative emissions target to at least buy us some time whilst accepting that we are now facing near term human extinction in the very near future.

We should mobilise the entire nation in a strategy of reforestation to increase our carbon sequestration and subsidise public transport immediately to reduce the private vehicle fleet emissions. Remove all subsidies to the fossil fuel industry. Issue a global moratorium on fossil fuel exploration immediately there by cancelling the recent deep sea oil exploration permits off the coast on NZ which threaten to destabilise the methane hydrates, this policy is suicidal ecocide and represents pathological behaviour.

The instant reaction to the financial costs of following this strategy will be that the cost is too great. That is a redundant and intellectually bankrupt position. When all life on the planet is at risk, no cost is too great. For a government that likes to promote itself as fiscally prudent this is the only course of action I can recommend in such a dire situation. In the link below the Guardian newspaper exposes Shell oil continuing to trade knowing that their activities would lead to global Armageddon. I propose we nationalise the assets of this company and use the equity other than reserves to help fund the reforestation program.

“Royal Dutch Shell has been accused of pursuing a strategy that would lead to potentially catastrophic climate change after an internal document acknowledged a [global temperature rise of 4C](#), twice the level considered safe for the planet.”

“A paper used for guiding future business planning at the Anglo-Dutch multinational assumes that carbon dioxide emissions will fail to limit temperature increases to 2C, the internationally agreed threshold to prevent widespread flooding, famine and desertification.”

This company has knowingly traded in genocide and the directors should be immediately charge with the crimes they have knowingly committed

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Instead, the [New Lens Scenarios](#) document refers to a forecast by the independent International Energy Agency (IEA) that points to a temperature rise of up to 4C in the short term, rising later to 6C.

<http://www.theguardian.com/environment/2015/may/17/shell-accused-of-strategy-risking-catastrophic-climate-change>

Whilst holding out little hope that my submission will be accepted in its entirety, myself and the general public challenge you to formulate a world leading strategy to address this catastrophe. Our children and all the species on this planet deserve nothing less. We led the world on our nuclear policy, were the first to grant women the right to vote, now is the hour and moment to lead from the front.

In summation I would like to quote Edward Abbey; “ Action is the antidote to despair”.

Yours faithfully

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