

On behalf of the North Shore Climate Action - we believe that the time for action is now. We know that the issues are complex and the debate must be had but believe that there should be an emergency response to this crisis and that all levels of government must act together.

We would like to see the following done immediately.

1. Banning of all new coal fired stations- Until carbon sequestration technology becomes available there can be no justification for new coal fired stations being built.

2. Public transport/Bike lanes- There can be no cheaper and quicker option than getting the cars off the road. By making (covered) bike lanes available and rapid fire buses and trains available in peak hours you would remove an enormous amount of pollution (not just carbon) out of the air. Combine this with higher taxes on 4WD, bridge tolls and incentives for electric cars and the market will determine the outcome for you.

3. Solar hot water heaters- With a massive 30% reduction in GG immediately we believe that it should be mandated that every home have one. The government should give generous discounts and help pensioners with the costs.

4. Aviation fuel- This is surely going to hurt out tourist market sooner rather than later and should be a national priority to develop a greener fuel.

5. Population controls- Professor Albert Bartlett makes the point very clear in his presentations that democracy cannot survive over population. This is therefore a national security issue and must be addressed if we are to keep climate change under control and protect our way of life.

6. New approach to the way we live- We will have to accept that our current high consumption ways of living are unsustainable. We cannot have continued "growth" in a world with limited resources. We need strong clear policies with a mix of incentives, taxes and fines to stimulate green development that encourages people to do the right thing. Those that "over consume" should be scorned rather than admired.

Thank you and good luck!

Sincerely,

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