

## Quaker Climate Emergency Correspondent 6 - 18 Haratua 2023

He waka eke noa We are all in this canoe together

Kia ora F/friends

**Our very own Richard Milne on the Budget** (scroll down - it's at the bottom)

*... part of the answer ... is urgent public education on climate action, to help combat ignorance, apathy, vested interests and misinformation. In a democracy, 'political will' ultimately lies with us all.*



Quick news for busy Quakers:

**Consultation: Draft advice on the second emissions reduction plan (2026-2030) closes 20 June** [He Pou a Rangi NZ Climate Change Commission](#)

**Call for evidence: Emissions reduction targets and emissions budgets closes 31 July** [He Pou a Rangi NZ Climate Change Commission](#)

**School Strike** - 26 May (scroll down page for venues)

**E tū mana o Te Ao, Building a Climate of Hope - NZ Religious Diversity Centre 4 Webinars - 14 June** - aiming to give hope, inspire educate, and encourage action in the face of climate change from a view of the Pacific region. There are some amazing speakers including Jane Goodall. Thank you, Richard.

### So, what is in **Budget NZ?**

Hon James Shaw lists climate change measures such as free public transport for children; half price fares for people under 25; major expansion of nationwide EV charging network; accelerating the uptake of low-emission heavy vehicles like trucks and buses; reducing energy bills with 100,000 more insulation and heating retrofits; renewable energy system for Chatham Island to halve household electricity bills; community-scale renewable energy generation and storage projects; building resilience for Westport; and, supporting funding for emissions reductions through New Zealand Green Investment Finance.

### **ANZ Quakers, Climate change, QUNO, and the consultation**

Yay. Our submission on *International Climate Negotiations* got sent, on time, and is [on the website with its very own link](#) after Liz's patient lesson in what to do.

How we produced our 'how to approach [International Climate Negotiations](#) consultation' response requested by [Climate Change Ambassador](#), Kay Harrison via QUNO, was miraculous. I panicked. Gray had an idea. We began. Some Quakers provided moral support; some supplied wide-ranging knowledge; others rescued potential blunders; some gently reminded us to stick to what ANZ Quakers could definitely say because either we had said it before, or it was contained in the [Faith Leaders Statement](#), or QUNO had said it for

us. Then came the Shapers, the Focusers, the Fixers, and Proof-Readers. We learned both about climate issues and about what we could and could not say. Kay (and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade) got the submission. Thank you all.

### **Consultation realisations - what can we say?**

Quaker thinking and process has much to offer. Listening; lots of listening. Finding ways forward; climate justice and what that means; acknowledging difficult truths; seeing strengths; noticing what works and what does not; supporting those negotiating, and so much more. Right now, at Yearly Meeting, we are using our handbook, renewing our understandings of Quaker processes, and recognising the validity of what we do know.

### **Loss and damage climate disaster funding - have your say**

Conference of the Parties (COP) 27 agreed to provide loss and damage funding for developing countries hit by climate disasters. Alana and Olivia at QUNO are now offering a working paper on innovative and fair sources of finance for loss and damage. **Send comments to [amcarlson@quno.ch](mailto:amcarlson@quno.ch)**

### **Info**

Thank you Liz for What is the Antarctic Circumpolar current and Shipping and rail to cut emissions

Buddhist economics (thank you Jillian)

Julian Cribb recently addressed Canberra Meeting drawing upon information in his book How to Fix a Broken Planet: Advice for Surviving the 21st Century (thank you Michael)

Turning anxiety into action video (thank you Gray)

### **Different views**

Video - Fake Invisible Catastrophe?

Other reasons for rain - Doubt everything with gusto

### **Look what I found!**

A whole Quaker website on international Climate Change

And, the baby fern at the top of the page has grown into this!

See you in a fortnight.

Ngā mihi nui, Philippa

