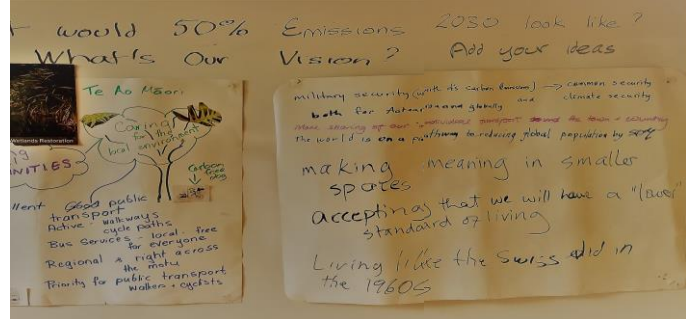




## Quaker Climate Letter Number 7

*He waka eke noa - We are all in the same boat*

8 Pipiri / June 2023



Kia ora f/ Friends

Yearly Meeting illustrated that Quakers come in numerous highly engaged, environmentally oriented varieties. There is Keith, involved in Te Heke Ngahuru ki Te Awa Tupua (the health and wellbeing of the Whanganui River), and releasing titipounamu (rifleman) at Tarapuruhi (Bushy Park); Alex training people to become climate change advocates via a new faith-based NGO (Loxley Award winner associated with A Rocha Aotearoa New Zealand); Adrian and the AWPS Climate Action Network; the Bay Of Plenty's Hope and Resilience hui on 10 June (thank you Gray); Michael and the mines; and, a whole cluster(?) of Quakers concerned about military emissions who might want to get together. More for them below.

### First, Things We Need to Know:

**E tū mana o Te Ao, Building a Climate of Hope - NZ Religious Diversity Centre - 4 Free Webinars - 14 June - 5 July** aiming to give hope, inspire educate, and encourage action in the face of climate change from a view of the Pacific region. More info here. Register here. Speakers include Jane Goodall, Dean Shapiro, Jim Salinger, Rod Bell, Alexander Macmillan, Mary Moeano-Kolio, and Helen Clark. **Please circulate**

Petition to support a **fossil fuel free Pacific (Oxfam)**.

### Military emissions:

Thank you largely to QUNO, Deborah, Helen, Liz R, Richard, Marion S, Frances, and Edwina (from Peace Movement Aotearoa) for the collation of information which follows. It may be useful for the **Consultation on draft advice on the second emissions reduction plan (2026-2030) closing on 20 June** and / or **He Pou a Rangi NZ Climate Change Commission Call for evidence: Emissions reduction targets and emissions budgets closing on 31 July**.

Info you have shared, or I have found includes the following:

- A useful introduction to military emissions issues can be found here.
- International reporting of military emissions is currently voluntary. Aotearoa NZ Quakers' submission on international climate negotiations quoted Quaker United Nations Office (QUNO's 2022) concern that military emissions are estimated at around five per cent of total emissions, therefore their non-inclusion could mean International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) modelling and projections are compromised.
- Marion's Official Information Request (OIA) shows:
  - Aotearoa NZ domestic military emissions are counted as State Sector emissions attributed to an economy-wide reduction contribution, which is probably why the Military Emissions Gap website entry for NZ under both Stationary Emissions and Mobile Emissions is "not occurring" and the Gap in emissions reporting is that "no comparison is possible".
  - Under the UN Framework methodology, overseas emissions are not attributed to Aotearoa NZ but to the location where the emissions take place e.g. where the NZ Defence Force is active.

- Defence Ministry information about climate change can be found [here](#) (page 19) and there is a [NZ Armed Forces Emissions Reduction Plan](#)
- Liz recommends [Pentagon, Climate Change and War](#), by Neta Crawford and info on [Aukus](#).

## News from Across the Ditch

(Thank you, Michael - abridged by Philippa)

*In Australia, fossil fuels are the crunch issue. The coal lobby is powerful, and the [StopAdani](#) movement has been going for around a decade, aiming to stop the Carmichael Basin coal mine in North Queensland. The campaign has had considerable success, but not victory.*

*The national attitude is changing. Queensland has seen itself very dependent on coal jobs, but there is now a lot of work to establish renewables in Queensland, and I think that the perceived threat to the local communities' livelihoods of closing down coal is reducing. The development of renewables hubs is being seen as real and providing jobs.*

*Gas is the new problem in Australia. Coal will fall out of use, that's almost certain. Gas is touted as the transition fuel, a view that has some appeal. But the industry lobby behind it has the danger of taking gas too far. Thus, the campaigning has to continue ... The real change has to happen at system level.*

## And here in Aotearoa NZ

The cut in [NZ Steel emissions](#) (thank you Saskia)

## Learning, thinking, and wondering

QUNO's latest paper: [Fair Sources of Finance for a New Loss and Damage Funding Arrangement](#)

[Jem Bendell, Breaking Together – a freedom-loving response to collapse](#) (thank you Gray)

Rowan Atkinson's concerns about [electric cars](#) as fast fashion items

Alternative view: [Is the climate change movement morphing into totalitarianism?](#)

Watch Vandana Shiva's [wisdom about our interdependence](#) (thank you Jillian)

Wishing everyone peace and strength,

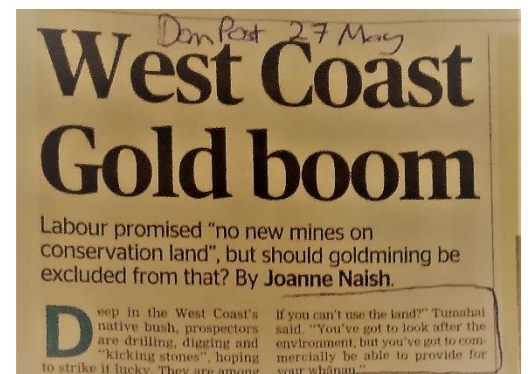
Your Friend,

Philippa

Titipounamu / rifleman chicks + Te Awa Tupua (Whanganui River) thanks to Wikimedia and Justin



[Australia's largest miner, BHP, is testing monster electric mining trucks in order to reduce fossil fuel use and carbon emissions](#)



*Do we need to mine to eat?*

