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Kia mate ururoa, kei mate wheke (Fight like a shark, don't give in like an octopus)



The Spirit is always with us. The Inward Light shines for everyone. It shines on our indiscretions, and we are challenged to do better. It shines on our strengths, giving us an overriding sense of hope. If only we heed the light. It never abandons us.

We abandon the Light when we fail to love our neighbours as ourselves, and we fail to love mother nature who sustains us.

For it is in these relationships in the web of life that we encounter the Spirit, and the Spirit is made manifest ...

Thank you, Murray Short

Like Kate Middleton, I like having fun with photos. This photo I took of Mana Island - Te Mana o Kupe ki Aotearoa - has colour changes

Kia ora f/Friends

Eureka. Finally, an inspiring, non-miserable climate change book, and I think I understood all of it. Hope Jahren's (2020) [The Story of More: How We Got to Climate Change and Where to Go from Here](#) 'use less and share more' drew me in and is like a little Quaker mantra.

Need to know:

[Ocean sanctuaries](#) petition (thank you Cathy and the Climate Club); [School Strike 4 Climate](#) April 5; Green Party petition against the [Fast-track Approvals Bill](#) [here](#); Draft Government Policy Statement on Land Transport 2024 – Consultation [here](#); Three week course on climate change [here](#). Concerns about seabed mining [here](#). [End Free Carbon Credits](#) petition – thank you Richard.

[Draft Government Policy Statement on Land Transport 2024](#) - Dear Friends, the emphasis is on roads. Priorities are economic growth and productivity, increased maintenance and resilience, safety, and, value for money. Those of us (like me) dependent on being able to walk and catch buses and trains may be in trouble. Investment in walking and cycling limited to where there *is either clear benefit for increasing economic growth or clear benefit for improving safety and demonstrated volumes of pedestrians and cyclists already exist*. See the document [here](#). Consultation info is [here](#) and is open until 2 April. Greater Auckland's commentary is [here](#). There is a [rally at Parliament at 5pm Tuesday 19 March](#).

[Fast-track Approvals Bill](#) – Government is [committed](#) to *prioritising regional and national projects of significance; facilitate or procuring funding for regional and national projects of significance; make it easier to consent new infrastructure including renewable energy; simplifying the planning*

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system and related statutes including the Public Works Act and the Reserves Act.

Find Newsroom summary [here](#); the legislative statement [here](#); Shane Jones talking about it [here](#); Environmental Defence Society [here](#). **Make submissions [here](#) by 19 April.**

GreenFaith - Anyone know anything about [GreenFaith](#) and their climate justice week of action calling for an end to fossil fuels, a sustainable future, and a fossil fuel non-proliferation treaty during May 3-12, 2024? Anyone know of other Aotearoa NZ faiths involved?

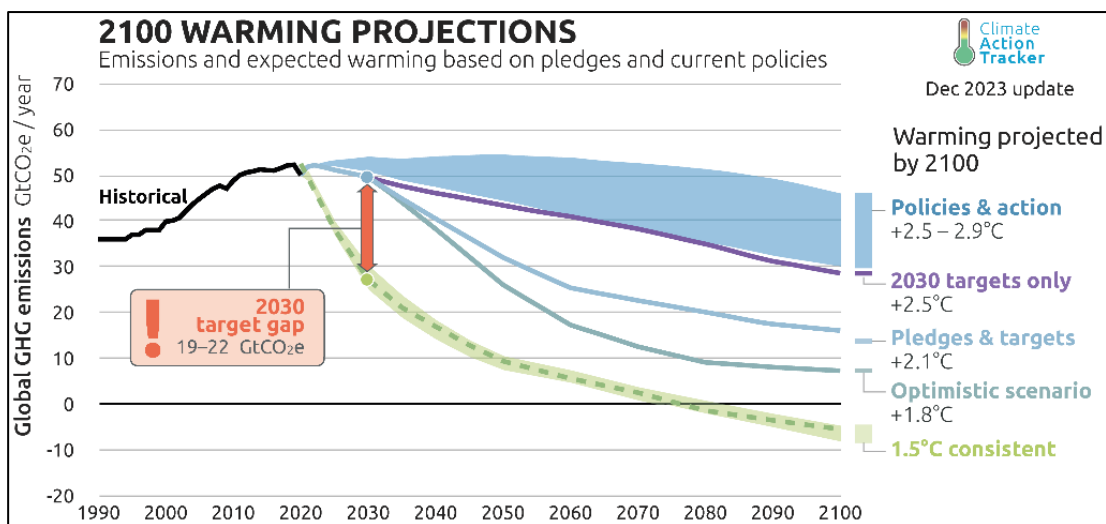
Quakers' Climate Weekend 19-21 July - Plans for the climate weekend are developing. We are envisaging a seminar based at the Settlement and are also offering the seminar process to Quaker communities around Aotearoa NZ to participate in their own ways. The plan is to provide opportunities for conversation, contemplation, and connection as Quakers, to help inform and encourage our climate action and environmental engagement. We hope to have a resource book, as well as some sessions online including an interesting panel discussion. The idea is that Friends will be able to use our offering for self / group directed learning and contemplation around mutual interests and/or opportunities.

Useful info

[Treasury seminar on hydrogen](#) from Sergey Paltsev, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) academic.

What do we think, Friends?

Honesty needed in climate targets –
[Federated Farmers](#)



Source <https://climateactiontracker.org/global/temperatures/>

Inspiration

[Embodying the Quaker Testimonies in Service of a Living Planet: The Challenge of asking Beautiful Questions](#), Public Lecture for Ireland Yearly Meeting, Belfast, August 2022, Lynn Finnegan.

Go well everyone; see you soon. Ngā mihi nui, Philippa



The Black Gold Tapestry – these are some of the 67 metres of hand embroidery by Sandra Sawatzky about peoples' energy usage - just like the Bayeux Tapestry – thank you Deborah.

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