

Climate Emergency Correspondent 2024, No 6, 4 Pipiri

He waka eke noa – we are all in this together

Kia ora f/Friends

Thank you everyone for all the ideas and thoughts etc. We have small yellow flowers at our house, attached to a baby kōwhai plant which planted itself.



In *The House*, Shane Jones tells us he is *keeping the lights on in New Zealand*; in [Tuvalu](#), ex-Prime Minister Enele Sopoaga sees only dark in Aotearoa's planned new oil and gas policy. Anyway, what's on:

Environment Action on Saturday 8 June (see Cathy and the [Climate Club](#) for other actions)

Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland: [March for Nature](#)- June 8

Pōneke Wellington: [People over Profits and Planet Rally](#) – June 8

Ōtautahi Christchurch: [Stop the Wars, Stop the Fast Track Bill](#)- June 8

Nelson: [Stop The Fast Track! March for Nature](#) Saturday 8 June, 1pm Cathedral Steps

Quaker climate weekend 19-21 July - An opportunity for everyone to bring their issues/ opportunities/ interests and join with others with mutual interests. Thank you Margy-Jean, Ronis, Marion; and panelists Cathy Breed ([Climate Club Aotearoa](#) /WMM); John Michaelis ([Nelson Tasman Climate Forum](#) / NRM); [Mike Joy](#) (Te Herenga Waka Victoria University Wgtn). More information [here](#). Register [here](#) by 14 June. Contact Margy-Jean for further information at margyjean.malcolm@gmail.com

Quaker World Plenary 5-12 August – online – [register here](#). **Care of Creation online – 7 August Resources** [here](#)

[Budget 2024](#)

Described as a [war on nature](#) (thank you Justin); I am trying to figure what has been cut and what has been reallocated (thank you Jonathan for the [helpful list](#)). I have attempted to link Budget points to our discussion with our Climate Change Ambassador and Quaker United Nations Office climate person at Yearly Meeting. Here goes:

- 1. Keep talking /engaging with people we don't agree with** - Quakers may find things not to agree with around:
 - 9% decrease in [Managing Climate Change in New Zealand](#) (from around \$55 m (p.13).
 - 13% (\$2.33 million) decrease in the [Climate Change Commission's advisory and monitoring function](#) budget (from \$18. 4m (p.27).
 - \$600,000 per annum [Environmental Legal Assistance Fund](#) disappearing (p.5).
 - Funds to [reduce reliance on cars and support the uptake of active ... shared travel modes, such as walking, cycling and public transport](#) are being halved (\$100 m to \$55m (p.10)).
 - Decrease of \$550,000 for the [Prime Minister's Chief Science Advisor](#) (p.33).
- 2. Support Pacific voices** - Aotearoa NZ's annual \$1.4m funding for the [Pacific Co-operation Foundation](#) just got deleted (p.3). The [Climate Change Development Fund](#) for *supporting*

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international projects to assist developing countries address climate change issues is also abolished (it was \$270,000 per year (p.5)).

Meantime, Tuvalu and others have obtained an Advisory Opinion from the [International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea](#). The Tribunal describes greenhouse gases as a form of [marine pollution](#), and has declared that peoples and their governments are to protect the marine environment from climate change impacts and ocean acidification (Thank you Adrian G).

3. **Support our Aotearoa NZ international meeting representatives to 'do the right thing'**. It may have just got harder for our representatives. Vote Foreign Affairs includes savings of \$22.8 million on [New Zealand's International Climate Finance Commitment](#) (p.10).
4. **Engage with interfaith groupings** – Increasingly care for creation / climate initiatives are coming from interfaith activities. Mary Rose is involved in one in Tauranga; Richard Milne and I are involved in the Religious Diversity Centre's climate action group; I know there is a group in Palmerston North. Maybe other Quakers are involved in others. For inspiration see the [Pacific Conference of Churches](#) OTIN TAAI +20 Conference 2024 closing session and Lindsey Fielder Cook's presentation to [The First Congregational Church in Sheffield](#).
5. **Spiritual, financial, connections with QUNO**. I am attending the climate stream of the Quaker World Plenary in Johannesburg in person in August. All thoughts on what you want us to be listening for and saying are welcome.
6. **Send people to QUNO summer school** – I suggest we make a budget case for two annual bursaries to enable a young person from A/NZ Friends and a Friend from a less developed country in the Asia West Pacific Section to participate? Anyone know how we go about doing that?
7. **Take part in submission writing, online webinars, consultations** etc. Plenty of opportunity here: [Local Government \(Water Services Preliminary Arrangements\) Bill](#); [Resource Management \(Extended Duration of Coastal Permits for Marine Farms\) Amendment Bill](#); [Resource Management \(Freshwater and Other Matters\) Amendment Bill](#); also, regional and district plans.
8. **Recognise climate change issues rest beyond one Minister** - e.g.:
 - **Agriculture** - [Sustainable Land Management and Climate Change Research](#) has decreased by \$13.6m (from \$109,311,000) (p.9)
 - **Transport** – [rail is being](#) cut from \$1,844m in 2024/25 down to \$219 m in 2027/28 (p.26)
 - **Internal affairs** – [funds for natural hazard events have almost doubled](#) \$5,422,000 to \$9,800,000 (p.43)
 - **Business, Science and Innovation** - [Supporting Regional Just Transitions](#) \$6,909,000 budgeted in 23/24; \$1,699,000 budgeted in 24/25 (p.15), and [Renewable Energy in Communities and Public and Māori housing](#) falls from \$27,736,000 in 23/24 to \$8,748,000 in 24/25 (p.15)
9. **Recognise we need a whole of government approach** – Although 'Climate' was relegated to the second to last page of the 2024 [budget speech](#), we do have the Finance and Expenditure Committee's [Inquiry into Climate Adaptation](#) (**consultation closes 16 June**).

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Gifts from Friends

Apologies all. I have spent so much time angsting and fussing over the Budget bit that this section has not had the care and attention I would want. I do think there is something for everyone.

The great mineral debate

Just as Aotearoa NZ is heading for restarting [oil and gas extraction](#); Vermont is to make entities extracting large amounts of fossil fuel or refining large amounts of crude oil [pay for redressing their share of climate damage](#) (thank you Joel – who has also sent us the [petition to end free carbon credits](#)).

Meantime, [Kenya](#) has over 90% renewable energy production (thank you Marvin), but here at home there is a tricky issue about [minerals](#) for all those [gadget batteries](#) (thank you Jillian).

Changing the language around climate change? (and other things)

[Re-Generation video](#)

Ted Talk on [Emergent Patterns of Climate Change](#) (2014) Gavin Schmidt - thank you Jillian
[Climate change and the financial system](#) – thank you Marvin

Time to breathe out

[Salmon, native plant seeds and other stories](#) (thank you Peg)

[Navigating the Storms](#) (Quaker Earthcare Witness webinar) - 24 June

[I Want a Better Catastrophe: Navigating the Climate Crisis with Grief, Hope, and Gallows Humor](#) – thank you Marion S

[Solar panels, flowers, bees and butterflies](#) - thank you Jillian

Last Word

Know

Know that Love Which restores the Universe

That Love Which Gives us the courage

to say We instead of Me

from *Journeying* by Marvin Hubbard

Thank you very much everyone.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou

Philippa



When in doubt, sit with a f/friend

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