



THE SCHOOL STRIKE 4 CLIMATE NZ DEMANDS

The latest IPCC report makes it clear: global mean temperature rise greater than 1.5 degrees celsius puts the future of humanity on Earth in peril.

We demand that our Government and Governments around the world do everything in their power to limit warming to 1.5 degrees to safeguard our right to a future on Earth.

WHAT'S OUR WHY?

We demand the following because:

- Pacific Islands are going underwater and have been for years. It is our duty to help them, we are their neighbours.
- The cost of inaction is everything. We will lose our home, our cultures, our people and our land. While we still have time, we must act for the sake of future generations.
- Our future is being sacrificed for the profit of a few and the protection of business as usual. Climate change is not just an environmental issue, it is a justice issue and actually, it's a survival issue, it's time that it is treated as such. We need climate justice and that's why we're demanding it.
- In the year 2050, many of us will be in the middle of our careers and lives, and right now we have no idea whether we will be able to live out our hopes and dreams, or whether we will be faced with the burden of frequent natural disasters, widespread suffering, refugee crises, intensified inequality, resource scarcities and war on a scale that humanity has never experienced before. That is the kind of future that the science tells us we are heading towards, unless we - unless *you* - act now.
- As a developed nation, with the infrastructure and technology that we have, we should be leading the way with our ambition but also our plight to supporting those experiencing the brunt of the crisis, having done little to cause it.

OUR CORE DEMANDS

- We demand that the Government acknowledges the magnitude of the climate crisis by **declaring a climate emergency**. This move will set the narrative for the urgent pace at which we need to act on climate change and must uphold our democratic values and obligations under Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

- End fossil fuels - we demand that the Government ceases **all exploration and extraction of fossil fuels**. This includes not granting any extensions of existing permits. This must be paired with Government's investment in renewable energy production and sustainable transport systems to reduce our reliance on fossil fuels as we know that this is causing communities to lose their homes and culture in the Pacific Islands right now. Our collective future is being put at stake.
- We demand that the Government invests in building a renewable and regenerative economy now. This means immediate investment in retraining and the provision of alternative jobs in clean, sustainable industries that don't harm the ecosystems on which we depend for survival. This must be done through meaningful partnerships with communities, Tangata Whenua and youth to ensure a just transition and that no one is left behind.
- We demand that the Government honours its responsibility to our Pacific Island neighbours by ensuring its domestic climate policies align with the Paris Agreement 1.5 goal; releasing a public adaptation plan for Climate Change survivors to migrate to New Zealand with dignity; and actively supporting the regional and international diplomatic efforts of Pacific Islands Small Island Developing States (PSIDS) to increase climate ambition and mitigate the climate crisis before it's too late.

OUR DEMANDS OF CENTRAL GOVERNMENT:

- We demand that our Government, and every sector of society, do everything in their power to limit warming to 1.5 degrees celsius to safeguard our right to a future on Earth.
- We demand that the Government acknowledges the magnitude of the climate crisis and the damage this crisis is causing to our Pacific Island neighbours by declaring a climate emergency.
- We demand that the Government cease all exploration and extraction of oil, coal and gas. This includes not granting any extensions of existing permits. This must be paired with Government investment in renewable energy production and sustainable transport systems to reduce our reliance on fossil fuels.
- We demand that as we begin to offset the economic impacts of Covid-19 the Government invests in building a renewable and regenerative economy now. This means immediate investment in retraining and the provision of alternative jobs in clean, sustainable industries that don't harm the ecosystems on which we depend for

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