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Dear The Honourable Mitch Fifield,

As a global citizen this may concern you and it would be nice if you could get involved in saving our future. What you are about to read is sensitive but, if you have children it's worth thinking about and maybe acting on. Someone needs to take the bull by the horns.

In relation to my letters and emails to the UN, IPCC, journalists, politicians and every climate action group I could find, I am trying to coordinate global awareness to expose the primary climate action roadblock. This may be best explained as follows:

With the release of the March 2023 IPCC climate report "[survival guide for humanity](#)" final warning... We now have everyone's attention on global warming and it's time to confront the bigger problem:

In a fossil-fuel world, control of oil and gas reserves, are the catalyst for conflict, military expansion and corporate might with political clout. The fossil fuel industry along with the associated arms industry has become the most destructive war machine the world has ever seen. Energy wars are about plunder that murder and displace millions and destroy entire nations.

With CO2 induced weather extremes escalating and rising sea levels from melting of the global ice reservoir, going to war over fossil fuel is nothing short of collective insanity. Take a look at the oil and gas field maps in [Yemen](#), [Syria](#), [Palestine](#), [Ukraine](#) and the [South China Sea](#) as a few examples of the real driver behind 21st century warfare.

There are 50 years supply of oil left on the planet and as we burn through that, it will lead to an escalation of conflict for control of the remaining energy. There are two very good reasons to stop using fossil fuel: (1) Stop WWII and (2) Save us from catastrophic climate change. The question then becomes:

“What are the issues hindering a rapid transition to clean energy?”

I have planted the seed in every journalist's mind in Australia that every war on the planet is about control of fossil fuel and if we burn it all the planet is doomed and so are we. All the proven facts are there, in plain sight, but no one will take on the story?

I would suggest because our greatest allies are major players and, we need to respect that. We ourselves have been involved with Australian warships in the Straits of Hormuz to protect the flow of oil from war-torn Yemen and posturing in the South China Sea at the behest of the US.

We have also pledged \$368 billion to increase the US arsenal for pending fossil fuel wars. For that amount of money, \$14,000 per head for every man, woman and child in Australia, we could have transitioned the entire country to renewables. But that's a side issue.

The world needs to be made aware of the driving force behind modern warfare and no-one is game to say anything. That includes the IPCC, I've tried. They say: *“All we can do is leave it to the people to elect the right politicians to force a transition to renewables, make fossil fuel worthless, stop the wars and save the planet”*.

The only solution I can see is word of mouth and everyone must tell at least two other people: *“Every war on the planet is about control of fossil fuel and if we burn it all we destroy the planet and ourselves. For the skeptics look at the oil and gas field maps in conflict zones then pass the message on”*.

These are some of the responses I received to my above letters/emails:

(1) Sina Löschke <sina.loeschke@ipcc-wg2.awi.de> Tue, 28 Mar, 18:45 (8 days ago)

Dear Stephen,

Thank you very much for your email. The IPCC has been working hard to raise global awareness about climate change, its impacts and risks and available solutions for decades. However, decisions must be made by society (policymakers, industries, civil society). As an intergovernmental panel the IPCC cannot be policy-prescriptive, otherwise governments would not trust us any longer. So it is up to voters and decision-makers now to start the transformation needed. What it takes is described, for instance, in our WGII solution chapters 16,17, and 18.

Best, Sina

(2) Steele-John, Jordon (Senator) Wed, 29 Mar, 12:10 (7 days ago)

Thank you, Stephen

We agree with you. Have you sent this email to all the Labor and Liberal MP's and Senators?

Obviously, the Greens are already onboard!

Kim

(3) BRADDOCK Thu, 30 Mar, 09:34 (6 days ago)

Dear Stephen,

Thank you for your email regarding the recent IPCC climate report and your concerns about the fossil fuel industry's role in global conflicts. As a Greens MLA in the ACT Government, I share your sense of urgency about the need to transition to renewable, clean energy sources to mitigate the catastrophic effects of climate change and to prevent further global conflict.

The ACT Greens strongly believe that we must prioritize renewable energy development and invest in sustainable infrastructure to create a clean and resilient future. We also believe that we need to challenge the fossil fuel industry's hold on our politics and demand that our governments prioritize the well-being of our communities and the environment over the interests of large corporations.

Your point about the connection between the arms industry and the fossil fuel industry is well-taken. It is essential that we expose the true motivations behind conflicts driven by control of oil and gas reserves and work towards a more just and equitable world.

Thank you again for your message and your activism in promoting a sustainable future. We are committed to working towards a world that prioritizes the well-being of all people and the planet.

I'm looking for a pathway forward.

One that may include organized protest with media coverage, talk back, social media, radio, magazine, advertising, or simply word of mouth to spread the message. The short message being: *“Stop fighting over fossil fuel and stop burning it”*.

We need a global outcry against the fossil fuel industry, the arms industry and cohort governments to accelerate the transition to renewable clean energy".

Sincerely

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