

# WE ARE GAMBLING WITH OUR VERY EXISTENCE



**PAST A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF  
WARMING, TIPPING POINTS ARE  
REACHED AND THE COLLAPSE  
OF HUMAN SOCIETY AND THE  
ECOSYSTEM IS INEVITABLE**

The Permian-Triassic extinction, that occurred 250 million years ago, saw 96% of all species wiped from the face of the earth. Colloquially known as the **"GREAT DYING"** it took 5 million years for the Earth to recover. This cataclysm was caused by a massive release of Carbon Dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) into the atmosphere. **WE ARE ON THE VERGE OF A NEW "GREAT DYING"**.

**POSITIVE FEEDBACK LOOPS** ensure that when global warming exceeds a certain threshold or when enough ecosystems collapse, the Earth begins to warm on its own, regardless of what we do to reduce emissions. Climate catastrophe can become, like a boulder rolling down a hill, **UNSTOPPABLE**. This is due to self-reinforcing (positive) feedback loops. For example, massive amounts of human emitted CO<sub>2</sub> warms the atmosphere, triggering the melting of Arctic permafrost – releasing long-trapped methane (a greenhouse gas) into the atmosphere which, in turn, causes more warming and so on...

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**ACTING NOW TO  
REDUCE OUR  
CO<sub>2</sub> EMISSIONS AS  
MUCH AS WE CAN  
IS THE ONLY SANE  
PATH TO FOLLOW**

Many positive feedback loops like this exist: the dying of the Amazon and boreal forests, the acidification of the oceans, the slow-down of Atlantic ocean currents, destruction of marine ecosystems... These feedback loops are already being triggered. Permafrost is melting at a rate that wasn't predicted to happen until the second half of the century!

**WE URGENTLY NEED TO STOP GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS** before crossing a limit where these feedback loops spiral out of control. We don't know when that will be but it could be in 50 years or it could be tomorrow. All we know is that the longer we wait, **THE GREATER THE RISK**.

Delaying action is gambling on the survival of all species. The fate of all Earthlings is in our hands. Immediate transformation is not a radical stance – it is the only sensible choice. Together we can stop the boulder from racing downhill, but we need to **ACT NOW**.

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**#TELLTHETRUTH**

**#CLIMATE EMERGENCY**

**#ACTNOW**

# THE CLIMATE CRISIS IS ALREADY HERE



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# WE ARE ENTERING THE AGE OF CONSEQUENCES...

## TOO HOT TO LIVE!

Australia is already close to being the driest and hottest continent on earth. With global warming, parts of it will become unliveable. Already some of the Earth's hottest temperatures occur here and in the coming decades, parts of Australia will regularly experience temperatures of 55° and above making large parts of our country uninhabitable.

## FOOD SUPPLY DISRUPTION

Much of Australia has already experienced severe soil degradation. Global warming and the increased frequency and severity of droughts, will further decrease our ability to grow our own food. As global food production becomes increasingly threatened our ability to import the food we can't grow ourselves will become increasingly challenging.

## THE DEATH OF THE DARLING

Prolonged droughts and government mismanagement, allows the diversion of river water for irrigation of non-food crops, reducing water flow through the Darling River system to the extent that toxic alga proliferate. Algal blooms trigger massive fish kills and poisonous seafood. Without drastic action Australia's greatest waterway could soon die.

## TOXIC FORESTS

Australia's gas led recovery plan threatens to open large swaths of our country to fracking which will contaminate the drinking water and aquifers. Venting from fracking will release CO<sub>2</sub> other and volatile compounds into the air endangering the environment and health. Abandoned wells leak CO<sub>2</sub> and other greenhouse gases for decades.

## YEAR ROUND FIRES

Due to global warming, Australia's droughts have become more severe and prolonged. Our fire season is starting earlier and extending longer into the following year. The extensive and long-lived fires of 2019-2020 were the largest in NSW's modern recorded history, and the largest single area burned in ever recorded in Eastern Australia.

## MORE PANDEMICS

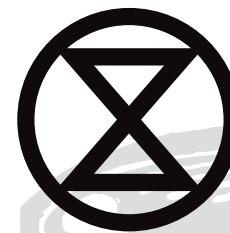
Global health pandemics are linked to biodiversity loss and the climate crisis. Global warming and collapsing fish stocks increase human incursions in wilderness areas exposing people to new, deadlier viruses and the risk of pandemics like Covid 19. As global temperatures increase tropical diseases will extend further into temperate regions.

## AN ICE FREE ARCTIC

Earth's polar regions are warming. Polar ice melts and water flows to the oceans, raising sea levels. Rising oceans destroy coastal ecosystems causing animals and people, to lose their homes. Polar animals find it increasingly difficult to survive. Melting of the arctic permafrost releases massive quantities of methane accelerating further global warming.

## CLIMATE REFUGEES

The increased frequency of extreme weather events and the flooding of low lying settlements causes millions of people from tropical and developing countries, to leave their homes. Mass migration triggers conflict and political and economic crises. The harsh treatment of refugees in Nauru and PNG is cruel, inhuman and politically divisive.



## WHAT IS EXTINCTION REBELLION?

Extinction Rebellion is an international movement that uses non-violent civil disobedience in an attempt to halt mass extinction and reduce the risk of social collapse.

## OUR DEMANDS

### TELL THE TRUTH

Demand that government and media are the ones resulting from the crisis existential threat officially, truthfully and offensive communicate.

### ACT NOW

Demand that your government halt biodiversity loss and reduce greenhouse gas emissions to net zero by 2025. Technically challenging and will require political and public will.

### BEYOND POLITICS

We call on the government to convene a citizens' assembly and on the binding implementation of their resolutions on dealing with the climate crisis.

## ACT NOW

- ⊗ **SPREAD THE WORD!**
- ⊗ **JOIN US FOR OUR CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE ACTIONS**
- ⊗ **CONTACT YOUR LOCAL POLITICIAN TO ASK FOR A "DECLARATION OF A CLIMATE EMERGENCY"**
- ⊗ **FOLLOW US**   

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