

Waking up to the Planetary Health Emergency

**Understanding anthropogenic
causes of climate change:
What can we learn from the past?**

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BP and Shell planning for catastrophic 5°C global warming despite publicly backing Paris climate agreement

Companies are trying to 'have their oil and drink it' by committing to 2°C in public while planning for much higher temperature rises, says shareholder campaign group, ShareAction

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Oil and gas companies

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for their cause.

Extinction Rebellion is an extremist organisation whose methods need to be confronted and challenged rather than supported and condoned. If we fail to confront those who incite and encourage mass law-breaking, we fail in our duty to confront extremism. This new form of extremism needs to be tackled by Ministers and politicians, the Commission for Countering Extremism, police and the general public.

The honeymoon that Extinction Rebellion has enjoyed to date needs to come to an end. Members of the public need to be made fully aware this is not an organisation whose strategy and tactics should be applauded and copied.

Policy exchange report, 2019

Shell internal report, 1988

4.1.4. Implications for Shell Companies

For the purposes of this discussion, it is assumed that the consequence of increasing levels of carbon dioxide are as already set out, namely, 'an increase in air temperature, changes in weather patterns, a rise in sea level of less than 1 metre and some small increases in agricultural yields.

Possible implications include:

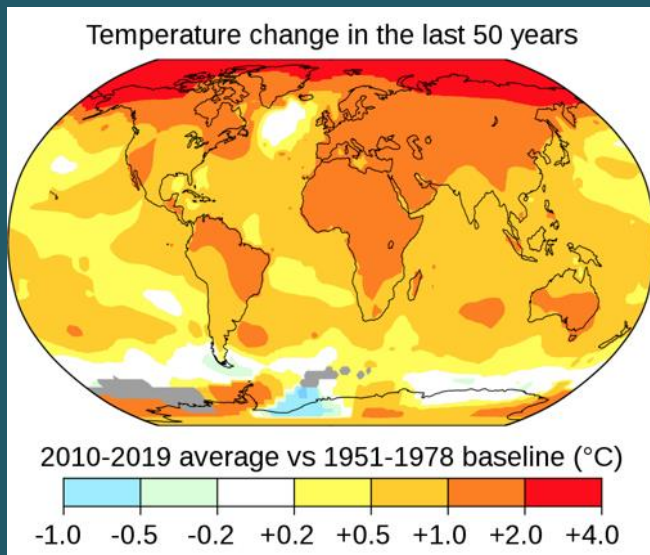
- Legislation affecting our products and/or processes.
- Location of Shell installations.
- Changing demand for our products:
 - liquid fuels
 - coal
 - chemicals, particularly agrochemicals
- Business opportunities:
 - alternative fuels
 - forestry
 - new varieties of plants (seeds business)

While, theoretically, it is possible to legislate for a reduction in fossil fuel use, it must be the case that any global reduction is most unlikely. However, in a paper produced as background information for the latest set of energy scenarios, Group Planning felt there was a possibility that an increasing awareness of the greenhouse effect might change peoples' attitudes towards non-fossil energy sources, especially nuclear.

Human activities as causation and solution



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"Lo!" he exclaimed, "lo! Dis; and lo! the place
Where thou hast need to arm thy heart with strength."
Canto XXXIV, lines 20, 21.



... NON ALTREMENTI FERRO DISFAVILLA
CHE BOLLE, COME I CERCHI SFAVILLARO.
Paradiso, c. XXVIII, v. 89 e 90.



- “In urgent times, many of us are tempted to address trouble in terms of making an imagined future safe, of stopping something from happening that looms in the future, of clearing away the present and the past in order to make futures for coming generations. Staying with the trouble does not require such a relationship to times called the future. In fact, staying with the trouble requires learning to be truly present, not as a vanishing pivot between awful or edenic pasts and apocalyptic or salvific futures, but as mortal critters entwined in myriad unfinished configurations of places, times, matters, meanings.”

- Haraway, Donna J.. *Staying with the Trouble : Making Kin in the Chthulucene*, Duke University Press, 2016

understanding how things came to be as
they are is essential for being able to think
about how they might be different