

Climate *Change* Coalition

AN URGENT MESSAGE FROM PATRICE NEWELL

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Isn't the issue of climate change settled? Aren't the major parties out-bidding each other—along with dozens of environmental groups? Hasn't big business signed up?

Then why has so little happened? After decades of denial, political efforts to address climate and water issues are in gridlock. We're talking ourselves to death.

That's why people who share our concerns have joined me in forming a new political party. The Climate Change Coalition. To maximise pressure. To get some action.

And here's a political promise that no other party will make. We will happily close down when the job is done. We're all busy people. We have lives—not just an obsession with political careers. The idea of a short-lived political party isn't new. There is a great deal of inspiring precedent. In the US and Britain parties were formed to end slavery. Then they happily evaporated. Going out of business was a triumph.

I doubt, however, that the climate change battle will be easily or quickly won. This will be a marathon, not a sprint.

Governments and major parties squabble over climate change. So do interest groups, competing lobbies, political factions, technological and environmental advocates, flat-earthers and ideologues. We want to help—as go-betweens, brokers, diplomats. We will be there building bridges, creating consensus. That's what makes us different. That's why we're needed.

I'm standing for the senate.

If you'd like to help we'd like to hear from you.

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