

To: Leading Tory politicians at Westminster and Holyrood

Copy: My parliamentary representatives; various like-minded campaigners and supporters

Fuel Poverty and the Climate Change Act

On 16 November 2016 the Scottish parliament [debated fuel poverty](#). There was much wringing of hands but the elephant in the room which not one member of any party mentioned was the Climate Change Act, the primary cause of [the shocking 35% of Scottish households](#) in fuel poverty in 2015 (up to 50% in rural areas), more than double the 16% in 2004 before all the climate change policies started. [This selection of articles](#) explains the obvious truth that the Climate Change Act is the main cause of fuel poverty and that it will only get worse without a change of policy. The Housing Minister himself explained in the Holyrood debate how above-inflation fuel price increases were the biggest driver of fuel poverty but then cravenly blamed the energy companies (and the private rental housing sector) rather than the inexorable workings of the Climate Change Act. Our obviously unachievable climate change targets are evidently considered to be an immutable fact of life by all parties.

It is high time you politicians undertook an objective, unbiased review of our climate and energy policies which are steadily worsening fuel poverty and making businesses uncompetitive, all to no discernible climate or sustainability benefit. Thanks to the Brexit vote we will soon be free from the futile climate and energy directives of the climate-obsessed EU. The election of a climate sceptic to the US presidency means that the USA will soon be rowing back on Obama's climate change policies. You will not get away with fobbing off the new USA administration the way you have fobbed off ordinary voters like myself over the years with your patently false climate change assertions and mantras, e.g. "the science is settled", "97% of scientists believe in man-made global warming", "man-made climate change is causing more frequent extreme weather", the discredited hockey-stick graph, the scary temperature predictions which never come to pass, and many more.

You need to take on board the message of the two seismic anti-establishment revolts of 2016, namely that we the people are sick and tired of being scorned by you, our elected politicians. In the case of alleged man-made global warming this appears to be the result of establishment groupthink gullibility, aka The Madness of Crowds.

I humbly suggest you could benefit from reading the paper I wrote about a year ago entitled [Why the Climate Change Act should be Repealed](#). In the intervening year global land temperatures have spiked due to natural El Nino warming (not man-made CO2) and then fallen back again to [resume the almost 20-year flatlining](#) of global temperatures, despite steadily increasing atmospheric CO2. Apart from that my paper is mostly still current. Needless to say it was totally ignored at the time. Perhaps you could try explaining now, without resorting to unfounded assertions, what global climate or sustainability benefits you think our Climate Change Act might conceivably achieve. You might also note that [this Sunday Times article](#) supports my stance, as does [this technical paper](#) by two climate scientists. You could instead refer to the many professional works on this subject by such stalwarts as Lord Lawson, Owen Paterson and Peter Lilley.

In the post-Brexit world where the EU is becoming a ["green-energy basket case"](#) and our main trading competitors are the USA and the rest of the world with unfettered low-cost energy supplies for the foreseeable future (despite all the establishment hype, the Paris Treaty is a damp squib), we need to look to our own competitiveness. The Climate Change Act is a major self-imposed impediment to our success and it needs to be repealed.

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