

## Why so little media coverage of the climate crisis?

Should we be surprised there is so little media coverage of impending climate chaos? The prospects are too alarming to be part of normal discourse especially during an election period. With wild fires raging in California and New Mexico, extreme heat in eastern US states, the signs are it can only get worse. The few who witnessed **Professor Bill McGuire**, author of **Hothouse Britain** and **Seven Years to Save the Planet** speak earlier this week, welcome the Supreme Court's ruling yesterday that it is unlawful to grant permission for new oil exploration and without considering lifetime carbon emissions from burning fossil fuels.

Organised by **Just Stop Oil**, Bill asserted "it's not practically possible to keep within the Paris target of 1.5°C". Beyond this limit it is considered that the climate will become even more erratic. "Temperatures are rising at twice the rate of the 1970s ... and with last year's rise in average global temperature of 1.63°C above pre-industrial levels ... the planetary heat balance is completely out of kilter" he warned. "7.5 trillion tonnes of polar ice were lost between 1992 and 2022" as the poles are warming faster than the global average. Sea levels are rising, oceans warming and as an aftermath of El Nino "this year's Atlantic hurricane season is predicted to be serious".



Politicians don't see votes to be won in telling these inconvenient truths. We all need to raise our voices so our elected representatives tackle the inequity where the richest 1% produce twice the carbon emissions driving climate change than the poorest half of the world's population.

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