

Quakers

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Quaker stand against fossil fuels

The Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), Aotearoa/New Zealand, Te Hāhi Tūhauwiri, at their Yearly Meeting (annual conference) have agreed to disinvest from fossil fuels, including from the four main Australian-owned banks which have such investments. Yearly Meeting funds are not currently held in these banks but in Kiwibank, Oikocredit and Prometheus. Yearly Meeting has also agreed not to make future investments which profit from fossil fuels and have encouraged our local Monthly Meetings, Committees and Trusts to divest from holdings using the four main Australian Banks and other means of investment which profit in this way and to inform these organizations of the grounds of our action.

Friends (Quakers) recognise that this is only a small step in reducing our consumption of things which exacerbate climate change and environmental degradation.

Friends know that climate change will, if not curbed, threaten the extinction of many diverse forms of life on Earth and millions or even billions of people. Friends, because of our belief in that of God in all people and life, have always encouraged the choice of life over death and ask investors and institutions to do the same.

Deuteronomy 30:19 “ . . I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live.”

Elizabeth Thompson & Elizabeth Duke

Co-clerks