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To the leaders of the main UK political parties

UK Climate Change Bill targets are based on out-of-date science

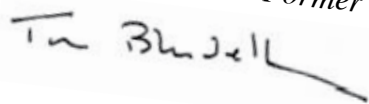
In tackling the global challenge of climate change, governments must follow the latest science that clearly shows the need for the UK to reduce its CO₂ emissions by **at least 80%** by 2050. This will require much more substantial action by 2020 than the Government is currently considering.

The UK Climate Change Bill proposes a reduction in CO₂ emissions of at least 60% by 2050. This target is based on a report of the Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution (RCEP) from 2000. Since this time, developments in climate change science show that this target is insufficient to avoid the worst impacts of climate change for people, species and habitats.

Yours sincerely,

Signed in our personal capacity:

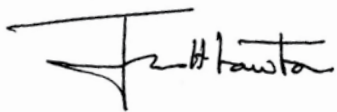
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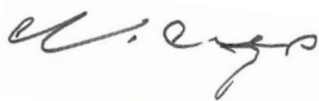
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Professor Norman Myers *Foreign Member of the US National Academy of Sciences*



Recent statements by Nicholas Stern, the Tyndall Centre for Climate Change Research and the UN Human Development Report 2007/2008 also make clear that developed countries must make emissions reductions of at least 80% by 2050.

WWF is calling on the UK Government to increase the CO₂ reduction target in its Climate Change Bill to at least 80%, and to include emissions from international aviation and shipping.

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