

Scottish Party Leaders'

CLIMATE CHANGE AGREEMENT

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Climate change is one of the most serious threats facing the world today, already affecting people, the environment, and the economy on every continent around the world.

As decision makers we have a responsibility to act now, for the benefit of current and future generations. With those who have done least to cause climate change set to suffer the most from its impacts, we have a responsibility to promote climate justice at home and abroad. If we can show that we can successfully and fairly reduce our emissions at home, we can use that to push for greater climate leadership around the world.

Acting on climate change is an opportunity for Scotland, through which we can strengthen our economy and make Scotland a fairer, cleaner, healthier and safer place. However, if we are to realise the huge benefits of successfully reducing our carbon emissions, we must act now with urgency and meaning and invest in the infrastructure for the future to create a flourishing, low-carbon Scotland.

That is why we commit to making each of our party manifestos for the 2016 Holyrood election consistent with delivering the ambitions of Scotland's Climate Change Act, by:

- Setting out how we will continue to cut the climate change emissions from Scotland's electricity generation and reduce demand;
- Setting out how we will build a low carbon transport system for Scotland;
- Improving the energy efficiency of Scotland's buildings through a national infrastructure project, and setting out how we will accelerate the use of renewable heat;
- Setting out how we will reduce the emissions from Scotland's food sector;
- And setting out how we will continue the work of Scotland's Climate Justice Fund.



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Leader of the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party



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Leader of the Scottish Liberal Democrats



Nicola Sturgeon
First Minister of Scotland and Leader of the SNP



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Leader of the Scottish Labour Party



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