



**CLIMATE JUSTICE
CHARTER**

The Climate Justice Charter Movement



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ADOPT THE CLIMATE JUSTICE CHARTER!

- ▶ We are a diverse movement
- ▶ 262 organizations-and counting- have endorsed the CJC
- ▶ The CJC is the world's first climate justice Charter
- ▶ 16 October 2020 we handed over the CJC to parliament for adoption
- ▶ 16 October 2021 Parliament representative attended our Assembly, we reiterated our call to adopt the charter.
- ▶ We call on parliament to adopt the CJC as per section 234 of the constitution



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The bill violates section 24 of the constitution

- ▶ The right to an environment that is not harmful to human health will be violated by the extraction of harmful Greenhouse Gases
- ▶ Coal bed methane gas extraction will require extensive use of groundwater
- ▶ The bill undercuts the ecologically sustainable development envisaged in section 24 of the constitution by providing the legal framework and justification to an ecologically unsustainable industry.



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The bill is an intergenerational crime

- ▶ We have a moral and 'existential' duty to protect the earth for future generations
- ▶ The exploration of oil and gas through seismic exploration will destroy our marine life and marine biodiversity
- ▶ The bill does not pass the morally permissible standard of risk imposition in environmental intergenerational ethics



There are cheaper and sustainable alternatives

- ▶ Offshore wind energy can supply 2 387,08 terawatt-hours of electricity annually; that that is eight times our current energy needs
- ▶ The costs of renewable energy systems and unit costs of renewable energy generation have come down dramatically in comparison to fossil fuels.
- ▶ The International Energy Agency says there should be no new development in oil and gas if the world is to achieve net-zero by 2050
- ▶ Investments in renewable energy more than double in comparison to investments in fossil fuels



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Climatic Tipping Points

- ▶ Southern Africa is already warming at about twice the global rate of temperature increase
- ▶ As the world reaches 1.5° this decade, we will be at 3° overshoot.
- ▶ We will see climate famines, more climate refugees and inevitable, many people will die
- ▶ Climate shocks are increasing in frequency and severity.
- ▶ Carbon Dioxide level reached a record of 415 ppm in 2021
- ▶ the Amazon Rain forest is now emitting more carbon dioxide than it is absorbing
- ▶ Ice sheets are receding in the arctic, El Nino droughts more frequent



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“This Charter is a call to all who care about human and non-human life to act together in advancing a pluri-vision – of people’s dreams, alternatives and desires for a deep just transition”