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Standing Committee on Environment and Planning

Everything that we eat and drink comes from the environment, either directly or indirectly. This means that humanity would be destroyed or very seriously damaged if the environment fails.

The present situation is that parts of the environments now need to be destroyed in order to provide the food we need, despite the advances in the science of food production. Every insult to the environment, irrespective of the reason for it, contributes to the failure to produce food.

The environment also provides many other conditions that our living conditions need. The oxygen in the air that we breathe, and convert into carbon dioxide, is produced by plants on land and in the ocean. The temperature of the land and the oceans affects the ability of the environment to produce oxygen.

The sea level determines how much of the land surface is available for people, plants, and other organisms to live on.

Global warming is disrupting the environment in all of these, and other, essential processes.

Every action, large and small, that adversely affects the environment, will both increase and hasten the earth's inability to support us and other organisms. The more we delay the removal of the use of fossil fuels as sources of energy, the sooner we will find ourselves in a position that cannot be reversed.

Actions such as increasing the use of gas and coal to produce energy should all be prohibited, and continuation of such use should be stopped as soon as practicable. And this should apply to all countries, irrespective of size.

Other countries may not want to take appropriate action. But the more countries there are that do take action, the weaker the excuse becomes for countries that don't.

So please study the science to confirm that this is, in fact, happening, and strenuously try to take appropriate action.

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