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News

Green Party launches campaign to point out dirty rivers

A travelling campaign to highlight 10 major rivers in need of a clean up has been launched by the Green Party at its annual conference. Green Party co-leader Metiria Turei unveiled the campaign during her keynote speech, saying the Government needed to lift its "wadable" standards. Talking to about 250 wider party members at Christchurch's Lincoln Events Centre, Turei said Government subsidies for irrigation and dairy conversion had left rivers unsafe to swim in. "That isn't enough to clean up our waterways, and doesn't address the causes of pollution like intensive dairying". Her speech was met with raucous applause, but there was little detail about how the campaign would clean up rivers. Talking to media, Turei said 10 rivers up the length of New Zealand had been chosen to highlight "what needs to be done to make them clean enough to swim in again." [Read more...](#)

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The European Union's record on clean beaches and dirty air

The coalition of rightwing politicians backing Brexit consists of climate change deniers, environmentalist cynics and no-holds-barred free-marketeers. For George Eustice to claim the UK's environment will be top of a list of priorities if Britain decides to leave the European Union is, frankly, ridiculous (Minister attacks 'spirit-crushing' green directives, 31 May). The big environmental challenges the UK faces – air pollution, catastrophic climate change, fish stocks, the hunting of migratory birds – do not respect national borders and can only be tackled collectively. Our membership of the EU stops European countries engaging in a race to the bottom on environmental standards and gives us influence over our neighbours. One third of the dirty air affecting Londoners is blown in from farms across the Channel. If we left the EU, what legal redress would we be left with to stop them from doing this? Britain was once labelled the "dirty man of Europe". We spewed out the highest levels of acid-rain-causing sulphur dioxide across the EU, our beaches and rivers were awash with sewage, and the water we drank could often contain an alarming cocktail of harmful chemicals. [Read more...](#)

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Cost of green energy: More pollution producing plants

PORTLAND, Ore. (KOIN) — From wind to solar power, there is a huge push for green energy — but it turns out the more we have, the more pollution-causing natural gas power plants we need. That's the "dirty little secret" in the clean energy game, according to Tom Eckman, senior adviser for the power division at NW Power and Conservation Council. The catch: For every half-billion dollar wind farm built, a half-billion dollar gas plant also has to be built. The old saying "There's no such thing as a free lunch" applies to Oregon's new green energy law. There are many benefits to green energy, but it also comes with extra costs. In early March, Governor Kate Brown signed a bill that means Oregon will stop paying for electricity that comes from coal plants by 2030. "Now Oregon will be less reliant on fossil fuels and shift our focus to clean energy," Brown said. The law also requires the state's largest utilities to double green energy to 50% by 2040. California also bumped its green energy requirement to 50% by 2030, while Washington is still at 15% (by 2020). Analysts say the requirements are like taking 6.4 million cars off the road. [Read more..](#)

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Cruise Ship Pollution: Cruise Sewage And Air Pollution A Rising Concern As Ships Sail Toward Northwest Passage

When the first luxury cruise ships begin traversing the Northwest Passage, a route newly opened by melting Arctic ice, the colossal vessels may also bring sooty diesel emissions and swimming pools of sewage into a long-pristine environment, green groups warn. A new report on the global cruise line industry found that these companies are slow to adopt technologies and practices that could reduce harmful fuel emissions and limit water pollution in the areas where they travel and dock. Friends of the Earth, an environmental activist group, graded 17 cruise companies and their 171 ships and concluded that the industry has shown an "ongoing lack of initiative" to address the cruise liners' environmental impacts. [Read more...](#)

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Can we make our cities more sustainable?

Istanbul, Mexico City, London, New York, Cape Town - sprawling metropolises have become home to nearly 4 billion people. And they continue to grow - over the next three decades, urban populations are expected to increase to 6 billion. Cities already account for around 70 percent of global energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions. So if we are to keep to global climate targets, cities will have to become more sustainable. Michael Renner of the Worldwatch Institute contributed to the 2016 State of the World report, asking: "Can a city really be sustainable?" Everybody talks about the climate challenge - and that does loom larger and larger, particularly as the policy processes are very slow in trying to figure out how we deal with it. But cities have probably all along had issues in terms of air pollution, water pollution, the concentration of waste - these issues haven't gone away, but they are increasingly interlinked with climate. As it is, we are facing a more complex challenge. [Read more...](#)

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Delhi not 'most polluted', but dirty air fouls many cities

Delhi is no longer the most polluted city in the world, the latest air quality report from the World Health Organization (WHO) says. The national capital which earned notoriety for the state of its environment now stands 11th among 3,000 cities in 103 countries in terms of fine particulate matter or PM 2.5. The 'Global Urban Ambient Air Pollution Database (update 2016)' released by WHO on Thursday placed the capital in 25th place based on bigger particulate or PM 10 levels. Particulate matter affects everyone but causes harm faster to children and senior citizens. [Read more...](#)

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