

Britain Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

Template letter: Closure of Department for Energy & Climate Change (DECC)

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This is a suggestion for what to write or say when contacting your MP about the closure of DECC. It's best to use your own words, but you can use this as a guide. For more on this action, see www.guaker.org.uk/sustainability.

Go to <u>www.theyworkforyou.com</u> to find out who your MP is and how to contact them.

If you take this action, please let Jo Hynes know at joh@quaker.org.uk. This helps us track which MPs are engaged on this issue. Please also contact Jo if you have any questions.

Dear _____ MP,

I am contacting you regarding the closure of the Department of Energy & Climate Change (DECC). I ask you to call on the Government to make clear how it intends build a sustainable and just energy system through the new Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (DBEIS).

I believe the UK must urgently end its dependency on fossil fuels to tackle climate change and build a better energy system for all. It is now essential and possible to move towards powering the UK through renewable and affordable energy. However, I am deeply concerned about the Government's backing of the fossil fuels industry. We are facing a climate crisis, and millions of UK households remain in fuel poverty. In this context, and considering the UK's likely departure from EU climate policies, the closure of DECC leaves significant questions about the UK's strategy for tackling these important issues.

I urge you to ask Greg Clark, Secretary of State for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy, to make clear how, following the closure of DECC and during the process of Brexit, he will ensure the UK tackles the climate crisis and delivers affordable, renewable energy for all.

Yours sincerely,