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ABC - [Climate report stresses urgent action](#)

A new report says greenhouse gas emissions and other indicators are closing in on the upper limits forecast by the United Nation's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change two years ago.

Stuff.co.nz - [Will fertiliser scarcity harm farm economy?](#)

Wills won't fertilise his fields this year. At \$392 a tonne for superphosphate, it's unaffordable. To put that in perspective, in April last year it was \$261 a tonne. For Wills, it's uneconomic to fertilise until superphosphate drops below \$300.

ABC - [Coast residents warned to brace for climate change](#)

Dr John Hunter from the Antarctic Climate and Ecosystems Cooperative Research Centre says it has designed a new web-based program that can predict the risk of flooding in Cairns and other regions based on sea level rises.

North Queensland Register - [Mixed future for sugar ethanol](#)

SUGARCANE has been recognised as the cheapest renewable crop from which to produce ethanol but waiting for technology to catch up in order to make it viable could be the hardest thing for growers.

National Business Review NZ - [Kiwi climate change software in \\$1 million New York deal](#)

The city of New York has chosen software from New Zealand's CLIMSystems to help it manage the impact of climate change on its water supply, storm and waste water systems.

Beyond Zero Emmissions - [Graham Ford, CEO of Heliodynamics, maker of Combined Heat and Power for urban and industrial environments](#)

Not strictly speaking an Australian link, but they have a company here and an idea that may have a place here.

Graham: Yes, well we've set out to target solutions on a range of scales from what might be called 'facility scale' which might be like a school, a hospital, a factory or a shopping mall, upwards. So, a typical smaller-scale installation would be where you need to provide some power and air-conditioning and maybe some heat in winter to a building, and so with our technology you can shade the car-park and use the sun which would usually beat down uselessly on the cars in the carpark, capture that, and convert some of that energy directly into electricity and then the rest of the energy would be collected as heat. Normally that heat is near the boiling point of water. And then we use that heat either to drive a kind of air-conditioning unit called an absorption chiller or it can provide heat for the central heating system in the winter.

NZ Herald - [Transport spending policy 'stuck in 50s time warp'](#)

Heftier spending on state highways and less for public transport risked damaging economic development, Auckland transport politicians warned a senior government funding official yesterday.

National Business Review NZ - [Sustainability not on hold despite downturn](#)

Sustainability is not about sustainability – it's about the incremental reduction of unsustainability, according to Al Gore Climate Change Ambassador Simon Carter.

Courier Mail - [It's climate versus the economy](#)

NEXT week Parliament is almost certainly going to decide the first-time fate of the Federal Government's emissions trading scheme.

Here's an informed tip – the Coalition will vote it down, mainly because the internal debate demands it. While the Liberals can live with the Nationals voting against an ETS they have to make sure their own numbers do not fracture, despite the divide of opinion within the Liberal Party.

Radio Australia - [Fuel costs blamed for Pacific patrol shortfall](#)

Air Commodore Tony Jones says fuel cost is one factor limited the use of the boats.

"They are large vessels, they have a long range, which means they carry a lot of fuel, and fuel is becoming more and more expensive," he said.

"So one of the key drivers for the lack of patrol days that we're seeing from these nations is that they simply can't afford to pay for the fuel."

National Business Review NZ - [Renewable energy sources power NZ](#)

Nearly three quarters of New Zealand's electricity was generated from renewable sources in March, according to statistics released by the Ministry of Economic Development.



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