

## I want to believe that the Paris climate change agreeme...

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I really do want to believe that the Paris climate change agreement will have a real impact on the world. I have children. I have to believe it will.

But I have also to be cynical about the motives of many who may have signed but did so with their gingers firmly crossed behind their banks. So I note the [FT reporting](#):

*Amber Rudd, the UK energy and climate change secretary, described the 1.5C goal as merely "aspirational" while defending the UK government's decision last month to scrap £1bn in funding for carbon capture systems that could hold emissions down. "I don't think it was a mistake," she said. "They are still expensive."*

There was a great deal else about the dismantling of UK's sustainable energy policy that the FT could also have mentioned.

Paris could be a game changer.

It could also just be a PR exercise.

For those with green concerns - and as an author of the [Green New Deal](#) I am one of those who have - Paris is in reality just a useful event to be used to remind politicians of their obligations. The focus on the day to day demand for change has to continue.