

# Sunak's abandonment of his climate commitments is pol...

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As [The Guardian](#) notes this morning:

*The government is drawing up plans to drop the UK's flagship £11.6bn climate and nature funding pledge, the Guardian can reveal, with the prime minister accused of betraying populations most vulnerable to global heating.*

I always doubted the Tories commitment to tackling climate change. I also suspected that they did not understand the global nature of the problem. It was never very hard to imagine them announcing cuts when things got tough. And now that has happened.

The claim is that we cannot afford to tackle climate change. Of all the stupid things that any politician might say that has to rank as amongst the most stupid. The reality is that we cannot afford to not tackle climate change, wherever it happens.

Sunak reveals three things with his actions. First, like all of his ilk he still, deep down, thinks that climate change is not real.

Second, he is in denial of the obvious reality that market mechanisms cannot price the externalities (otherwise called pollution that creates climate change) that they create.

And third, he is pretending that markets will solve this when very clearly they cannot or they would have never created the problem in the first place.

The sum committed by the UK was never sufficient. But now it is being cut. This is political negligence of epic proportions.