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Editor's Introduction

CALL FOR PAPERS: Environment, climate and sustainability

From the Society Website:

“We have a challenge ahead. Scientists are clear about the evidence in support of human induced climate destabilization. Fundamental changes in our behaviour, our attitudes and values are required if we are to avoid catastrophic future scenarios. We are beginning to experience extreme environmental changes and yet responding to this reality is still resisted.

At the New Zealand Psychological Society's AGM In 2014, the membership passed two remits that have guided the development of the Society's 'Climate change response'. This has also provided the mandate and basis for our sharing psychological knowledge and advice in professional networks in Aotearoa/New Zealand and internationally and contributing to the political measures to address climate change.

Significant actions taken by the Society began with the establishment of the Climate Psychology Taskforce (CPTF) and the development and publication of the Society's Position Statement on Environmental Wellbeing and Responsibility to Society. The statement provides a fitting summary of the reasons for our climate response:

As psychologists, we function to promote the wellbeing of society. So it is vital that as a discipline, we acknowledge the profound impact humans collectively are having on the environment and urgently work to counter the ill-effects to the health and wellbeing of people and planet. We acknowledge that the implications of environmental damage and climate change bring in new responsibilities and require an extended understanding of the nature of wellbeing.”

We invite submissions for an upcoming special issue of the *New Zealand Journal of Psychology* focused on environment, climate, and sustainability.

Due Date for Manuscript Submission: March 1st, 2021

We welcome contributions in the form of scholarly reviews, empirical research whether qualitative or quantitative in nature, commentaries relating to practice relevant to psychologists working Aotearoa New Zealand, and other relevant contributions. Contributions should be broadly relevant to the themes of environment, climate and sustainability, but more specific examples might include:

- Psychological and behavioural aspects of people and nature
- Ecological consequences of human actions
- Perception of, and behavioural responses to, environmental risks and hazards
- Māori and indigenous perspectives on the environment and its impacts
- Effects of environment (and perception of the environment) on human cognition and health
- Theories of environment-relevant behaviour, values, norms, attitudes, and personality
- Psychology of sustainability and climate change
- Psychological practice in the context of environment, climate and sustainability

Special issue Editors are drawn from the New Zealand Psychological Society's Climate Psychology Task Force and include Brian Dixon, Jackie Feather, Natasha Tassell-Matamua, and Marc Wilson. For further information about the Society's Climate Change initiatives please visit the Society [website](#).

Consistent with the imperative of the Journal, *any* submission must clearly articulate relevance in the context of Aotearoa New Zealand. Information about the Journal, and general author guidelines can be found [here](#).

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