Climate Change: The Undeclared war After two and a half centuries of exploitation Of the earth's natural resources we are now aware Of the kind of damage our way of life is having upon our environment and ourselves. Over the past decade we have experienced serious flooding as a result of concentrated heavy rain over a relatively short period of time. Creating flash floods and swollen rivers flooding Inland towns and cities. According to the world's leading Scientists there is much more to come. It is not just effecting the UK these changes are taking place worldwide which has serious implications for the farmers across the world. It shall hit Britain seriously as we are great importers of food From all over the globe. When reading the Labour Party's manifesto commitments on responding to climate change they are woefully inadequate when set against the latest scientific forecasts made at the January UN Climate Change By the fact we are not in power and cannot get legislation placed upon the statute book. The worry I have is the apparent relaxed tone of the Party's manifesto. It doesn't

convey any sense of urgency, that is the reason why I have described Climate Change as an Undeclared War and like terrorism difficult to predict, and even when we can it arrives on such a scale we are temporarily overwhelmed. No where in Labour's policy proposals is there and reference to the urgency of the situation. Nor is there and reference to the fact that we are going to have to change our way of life very quickly just to survive. There are several very serious forecasts on the warming of the planet. On 2 occasions the UN tried to get the world's greatest contributors to reduce the levels of pollution on both occasions nations failed to meet the reduced targets. Scientists state we have about 10 years at the very most to try and reduce carbon emissions in order for the world to continue to sustain human life. I foresee a huge task ahead to get people mentally prepared for the huge changes we have to make to face a serious future. Regrettably our political system is failing on every front to face up to the greatest threat to mankind since the last ice age. Kenneth R. Curran Snr.

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