

investing in low carbon development and technology." A rejection of the fourth carbon budget risks turning uncertainty into a spiral of doubt.

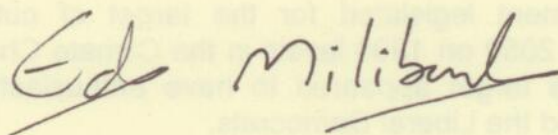
The decision you make will also have profound international repercussions. It is vital we restore momentum towards a global deal on climate change. We must not weaken the UK's influence on the world stage by rejecting the Committee's advice.

Climate change poses a big challenge to politics because the challenge is marked by a distance between the generation that needs to act and the generation that feels the greatest benefit. There is always a strong temptation to think short-term.

But this is a question of trust. In opposition you said that an independent body was necessary to set and enforce emissions targets, and that ministers should not be able to alter them. You argued at the time that this "would take the politics out of climate change and show our intention to get to grips with the problem".

I urge you not to break your commitment to tackling climate change and to adopt in full the key recommendations contained in the Committee on Climate Change's fourth carbon budget report.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ed Miliband". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Rt Hon Ed Miliband MP