

I come here as a retired maritime engineer and a grandparent. As a sailor, I've observed a lot of the globe and its peoples from one pole to the other, on both oceans and a lot of seas. As a grandparent I'm no different than anyone here. So I come to this scoping hearing to urge you to use a scope which is geographically and temporally global.

The market for coal is diminishing, and has been for the last few years. There are a lot of unemployed coal workers in Australia now. What will you do with this facility when it has become a useless monument to the quick profit? My community is struggling to deal with pollution left by past industries. What will your grandchildren be left with?

Our 18th and 19th century energy technology has changed the very weather, the ocean currents, and shorelines - and lives. The tundra can be lit on fire now.

What we do this very day will determine whether or not my great grandchildren - and yours - know living oceans or sterile ones, forests or deserts, whether zoonotic diseases proliferate, whether salmon run in our rivers,

What is decided here decides the fate of people who cannot be in this room: they live in Morocco, in Barrow, in Bangladesh, on Easter Island, or they have yet to be born.

I don't normally beg, but today I beg you to understand the true scope of your decisions. This isn't a simple business proposition with some localized environmental consequences tossed in.

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