

# What can we learn from Covid for the Climate Crisis?

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# Pre-Covid: reaching various carrying capacities



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This image, posted on Reddit and captioned the "social media queue", shows a lot of hikers, all waiting to take the same picture on Roy's Peak. Photo: Reddit

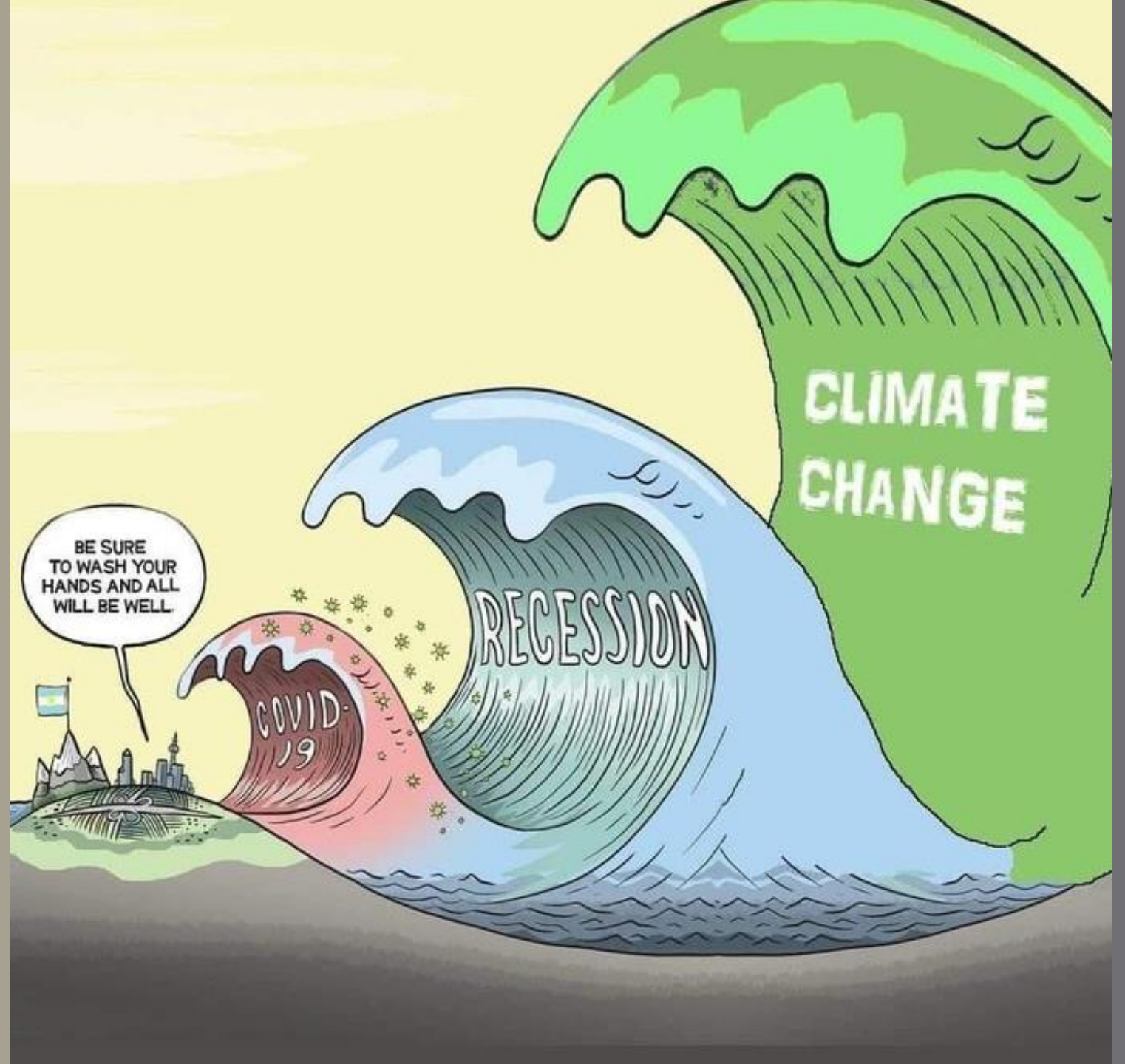


In 2018 I presented on Overtourism at EcoGlobal in Townsville



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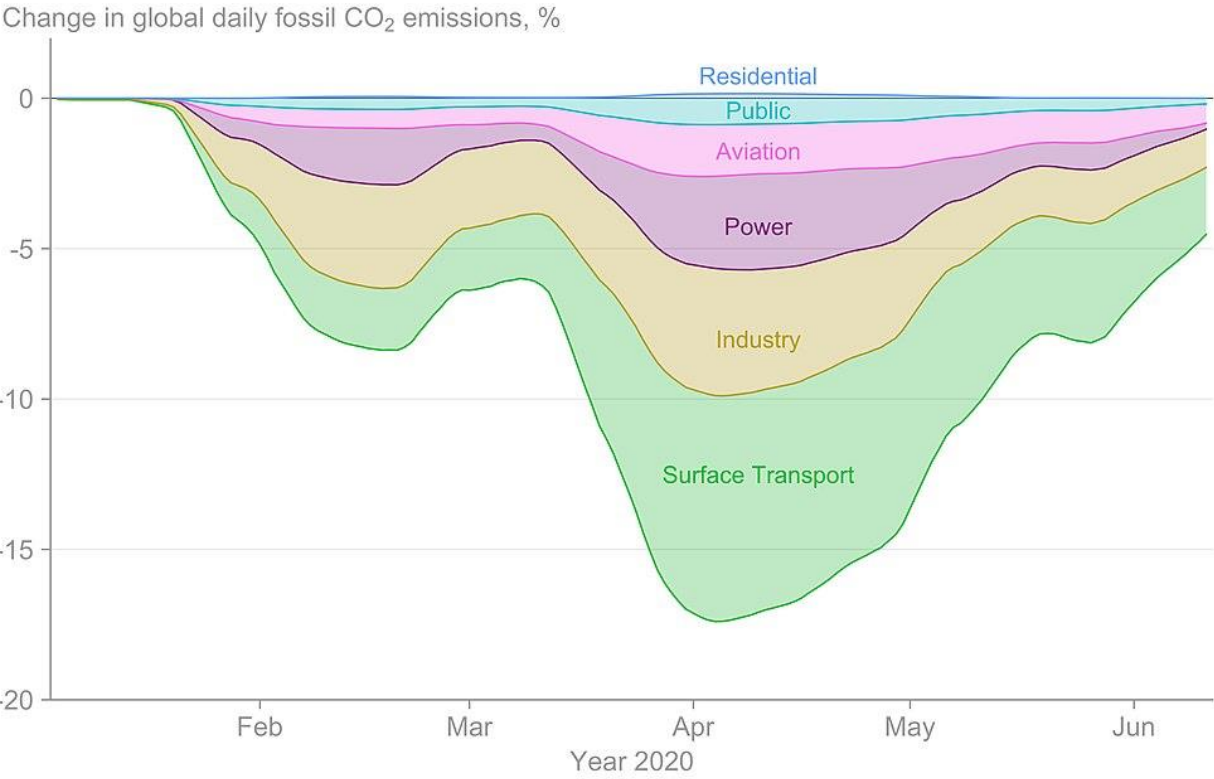
Will we learn?





# Covid-19 impact on emissions

CO2 emissions in 2020 might be down 7%.

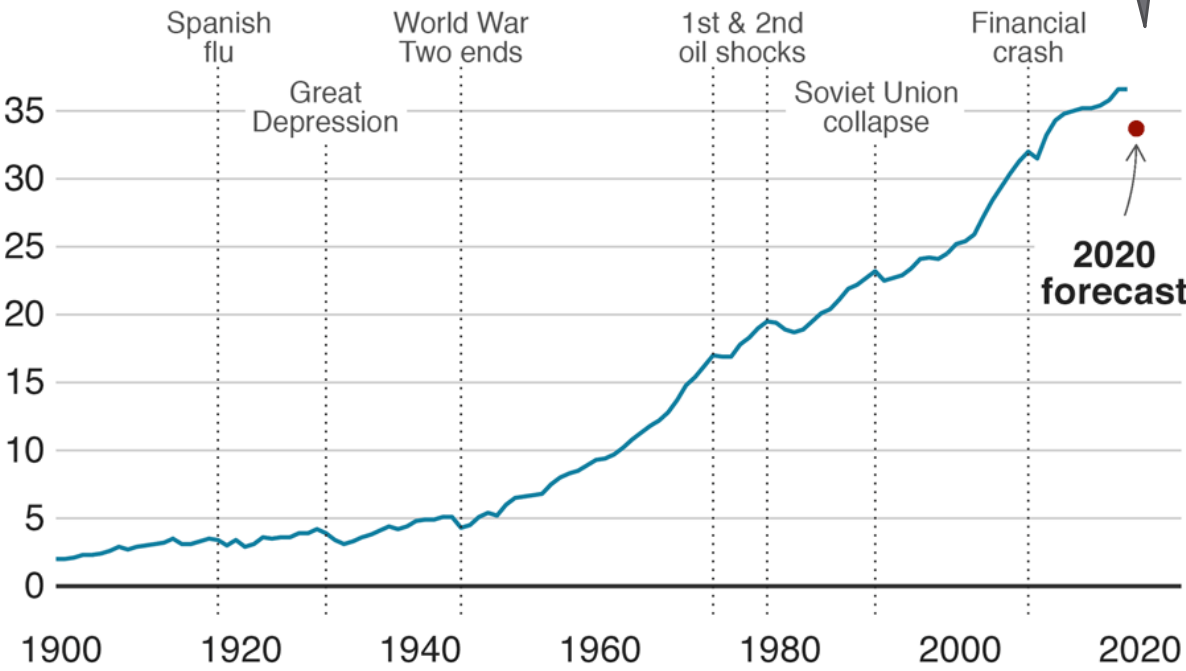


Source: Le Quéré et al. Nature Climate Change (2020); Global Carbon Project

Figure: @Jones\_MattW

## Global CO2 emissions, 1900-present

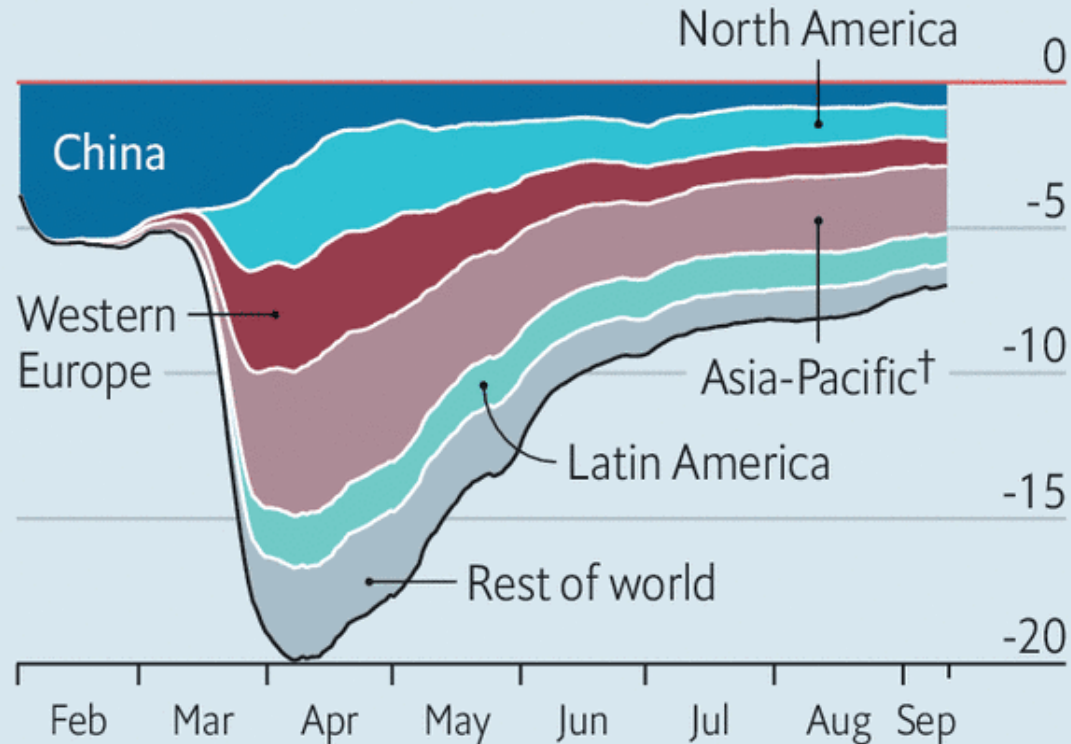
Billion tonnes of CO2 per year



Source: Global Carbon Project, CDIAC & IEA

## Not feeling 100%

Impact of lockdown measures\* on global GDP  
2020, % of GDP



Source:  
Goldman Sachs

\*Derived from official restrictions and  
social-distancing data †Excl. China

# Economic shock

The Economist



*“Those 10 years that we thought we had have now been shrunk into basically anywhere **between three to 18 months** because by the end of those 18 months all the decisions, and in fact most of the allocations of the recovery packages, will have been made.”*

Christina Figueras, UNFCCC

# Aviation bail-outs

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# Lessons for tourism

Source: <https://quantumleaders.com/whats-the-right-model-a-machine-a-living-system-or-a-living-being/>



Reimagining  
involves all  
aspects of  
tourism

# Tourism closer to home?





# Higher value –less ‘mass’





# Community need greater say

TRAVEL

## Venice in times of coronavirus: Relaxed and unique

Tourists are returning to Venice, but far fewer than in recent years. In this coronavirus pandemic summer the city has sorely missed its visitors. But the city is also looking for new approaches beyond mass tourism.



We need to give nature 'a seat at the table'



# A VOICE FOR NATURE

The Whanganui River in New Zealand is a legal person. A nearby forest is too. Soon, the government will grant a mountain legal personhood as well. Here's how it happened, and what it may mean.

# Take home message

- The decision we make now matter – not only for Covid recovery but for the long-term
- Tourism had lost its ‘mojo’ and become unbalanced
- Back to basics – why do people travel, why do destinations want to be a host
- Reduce overdependence on long-haul mass tourism
- Understood tourism as a living system that has to be in harmony with nature