

# Doha Decoded: COP 18 myths and realities

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# In the landing zone...

- Kyoto Protocol's second commitment period agreed
- Formal end to the Convention track
  - good progress on many elements
  - but unfinished business lives on
- Negotiation of post-2020 agreement under way
- No more 'ambition' – the gap remains
- No more money
- Limited contribution of Presidency
- A lot of displacement activity

# Theatre, myths, narratives

- 80% theatre, 20% substance: so don't be fooled by what you see and hear
- politics trumps the environment and economics
- **underlying trend: shift towards aligning action with emissions - emerging economies next up**
- but obscured by north-south narratives
- non-state actors ineffective at COPs
  - ngos – trapped in 'rich'=guilty narrative
  - business – disconnected

# NZ at Doha: hard lessons for a small state

- NZ moves from central to peripheral
- setbacks on key objectives: carbon markets and (yet again) agriculture
- limited support from usual friends and allies
- **national policies affect international influence**

# Prospects for 2020

## Poor?

- Uncertainties 2013-2020
- North-South “baggage” in the Durban Platform
- Resistance from major economies
- Heavy institutional load
- No progress on global goals in sight
- NZ isolated on carbon markets

## Good?

- Many core elements in place
- Durban Platform relatively unencumbered
- Much is happening in major economies
- 2014 review highlighted
- It’s not rocket science – once there’s a will, there will be a way.
- Prospects for linking with non Kyoto CP2 committers