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Green Resolutions – Thinking of saving a tonne this year, make it three billion and one tonnes

Most of us take care to reduce our carbon footprint, be it through cutting down on the use of our cars, using less hot water, or changing to energy-saving light bulbs. But imagine if you could help stop three billion tonnes of carbon dioxide from entering the atmosphere, just by writing your name. The Sandbag Climate Campaign wants to help you do just that.

Think of it this way:

- Change four lightbulbs and wait six years = one tonne of carbon (probably) saved
- Walk or cycle to work twice a week for a year = one tonne of carbon saved
- Persuade the EU to move to a new 30% carbon reduction target by signing the Sandbag Climate Campaign petition <http://sandbag.org.uk/notdoneyet> = three billion tonnes of carbon saved

Whilst the Copenhagen conference is over the agreement which was hammered out in the final days of the talks still isn't finalised. In Europe we have until the 31 January to decide what our carbon cutting target will be to go in the new agreement. The EU is currently offering a miserly 20 per cent reduction in CO₂ from 1990 levels. But figures published today by Sandbag Climate Campaign show that the EU is already 90% of the way towards this goal. Not only is a better target essential for the environment, but increasing EU ambition on climate change will also be vital in securing the EU's economic future and for resurrecting the EU's integrity and leadership in international climate negotiations.

Bryony Worthington, head of campaigning group Sandbag commented:

"By turning down your washing machine from 40 to 30 degrees every time you clean your clothes then in six years you might have saved up to one tonne of carbon. But if we can get the EU to move to at least 30 per cent cuts in CO₂, together we'll have stopped three billion tonnes of pollution from entering our planet's atmosphere".

For more information and a full briefing explaining the numbers behind the campaign, visit www.sandbag.org.uk/notdoneyet.

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