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Propositions belonging to the dissertation

Becoming Sustainable? Analyzing Industry and Government Responses to Climate Change and the Energy Transition.

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1. Practitioners and researchers engage in reflexive complicity by continuing to prioritize economic outcomes and firm performance in business and research – This thesis
2. Despite an increase in sustainability frameworks, commitments and rhetoric throughout society, meaningful actions are limited by existing systems, structures, and power imbalances – This thesis
3. Decision-making for climate change and the energy transition is a burden that must be shared amongst actors rather than pushed onto others – This thesis
4. Leaders underestimate the key role that leadership plays in shaping meaningful climate change responses – This thesis
5. More effort should be made to embed sustainability KPIs into organizational decision-making and performance measures – This thesis
6. Responses to climate change are still largely dictated by shareholders and investors – This thesis
7. Actors in the energy transition are being held accountable by an ever-growing diversity of stakeholders – This thesis
8. Trade-offs are inevitable in transitioning to a clean energy future. Finding effective ways to determine which stakeholders must be prioritized to ensure the long-term sustainability of the planet, and how to support those that are not, will be key in the coming decade – This thesis
9. Those who have benefited the most from our unsustainable ways will find change the most difficult – This thesis
10. Trust me, you can't change anything without causing some degree of disruption. It's impossible, that is exactly what change is. Some people are uncomfortable with the disruption that change causes, but the disruption is necessary if anything is going to change – Afeni Shakur
11. There are an awful lot of people out there who think I'm an expert. How do these people believe all this about me? I'm so much aware of all the things I don't know - Dr Margaret Chan