



Professor Robert Van der Noort
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Dear Robert,

FOSSIL FUEL DIVESTMENT

Over the past four months I have discovered how much the university has advanced in becoming more sustainable. I feel proud to be part of a community that prioritises sustainability and a responsibility to protect our campuses. But we need to look ahead to how we are going to continue to push the sustainability agenda and the next step is a commitment to full fossil fuel divestment.

With nearly 50% of universities committing to divestment, seeing this happen here would be a great step in Reading becoming the greenest university in the world. It is pleasing to hear that we have already partially divested from coal and tar sands but in order to meet this principle, we need to lead by example.

In 2015 my predecessor, Oli Ratcliffe, ran a Fossil Fuel Free campaign which successfully saw the university commit to intending to take a tougher stance on carbon-intensive companies. Since this time, we are unsure of the progress and would welcome an update on this project.

RUSU would still like to see the University of Reading fully divest from the fossil fuel industry and I am happy to work together in order to achieve further success.

I look forward to receiving an update and seeing the progression to full divestment take place. Please let me know if there is anything I can do to help.

Kind regards,

Molli Cleaver, RUSU President
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