

## PEBBLE BY PEBBLE

Some words to share at the start of the action with those gathered at the coal tracks and then with the police interrogator and those working at the Public Prosecutors Office.

First a quote from my friend & soul strengthener Daniel Berrigan: *"One cannot level one's moral lance at every evil in the universe. There are just too many of them. But you can do something; and the difference between doing something and doing nothing is everything."*

If you experience joy in what you do, you have found your calling, I think.

My calling = to be sand in the machine, the machine that drives us ever more efficiently toward the abyss.

Most of the time I feel like I stand along the sidelines like everyone else, seeing and feeling things going wrong. And through many aspects of my own life, I also contribute to things going wrong. But occasionally I see an opportunity & courage grows to become a grain of sand in the for-profit death machine. If enough grains of sand get into the machine, it will abrasively jam.

If being a grain of sand is your calling, then you understand that joy resonated in my heart in preparing this action and now, in picking up a pebble for the monument to the end of fossil fuels.

**"Energy transition"**. That should save us. The COP meetings in Dubai, politics, the World Economic Forum, housing corporations, supermarkets, mobility, you name it, everywhere the focus is on the end of fossil energy, on an "energy transition" to **e**: e-bikes instead of mopeds, e-cars and for the larger engines hydrogen should become the new alternative. This transition requires a lot of raw materials, a lot of mining, a lot of Bulk Terminals like this one, only with other raw materials. All for "green growth." With your electric car from 0 to 100 in three seconds.

But the ecosystem can't take it anymore, neither the energy transition nor the growing energy consumption.

With this action I hope to create awareness in **society** that streams of coal are rolling undisturbed through our midst and that we choose **EVERY DAY** to let that happen or to stop it. Because doing nothing, acting like this is normal, is also a choice.



I hope that my pebble will contribute to a process at **ProRail** - the company responsible for the rail infrastructure in the Netherlands - that makes them no longer want to facilitate this flow of fossil fuels.

I hope that my pebble contributes to people in the **police** and at the **Public Prosecutor's Office** choosing to no longer protect this stream of coal, but life on earth.

And by adding my pebble, I hope more people will put their hopes not so much on technology, on the energy transition, but will seek the solution to the climate crisis and the mass extinction of species primarily in **less** energy and resource consumption and in a more sustainable lifestyle. **LESS** is the energy transition that we need, that offers a future.

We shall see. In any case, it is a joy to come together and put a spoke in the wheel of coal power, come what may.

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