

TO: Assembly

FROM: Sam Johnson-Audini

RE: Amendment to The Environment: SU Core Position  
Acknowledging the colonial dynamics present in climate crisis

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### **The belief and its justifications**

- **Insert:** 'crisis disproportionately affects those who live in the Global South; predominantly people of colour.' Between '*present moment.*' And '*Human exploitation*'
- **Insert and amend:** '*As a University, it is centrally positioned to offer utilisation of brainpower and resources to develop answers to the problems at hand.*'  
To '*As a university, Durham is inextricably linked to the colonial past and present and has historically profited from exploitation of natural resources, particularly those in the Global South. Durham as a University, is centrally positioned*'

### **The definition of a better future**

- **Insert:** 'Whilst seeking to change the university's structures, climate activism must engage with the colonial structures causing climate change – in the university and beyond. Climate activism must centre the voices of those most affected in the Global South.' between '*oversee the system*' and '*the same shall apply for the Students' Union*'