

## Climate Change Body Checks Canadian Pastime

George W. Bush may not be taking climate change seriously, but for Canadian youth it really hits home—manifesting in melting, slushy hockey rinks. Realizing that Canada without hockey is like pancakes without maple syrup, an environmental group is rallying youth to fight for the future of their environment—and their beloved national pastime.

Generation Kyoto is an emerging youth action clearinghouse supporting a host of different green causes. The website's Action Centre, in alliance with Sierra Youth Coalition, Global Exchange, Energy Action and Forest Ethics, features campaigns on greening one's campus, improving fuel efficiency and, in true Canuck spirit, saving hockey.

To coincide with the UN Climate Change Conference in Montreal, Generation Kyoto staged hockey games, as well as a mock funeral for the sport, outside the six Canadian NHL rinks in early December. The Save Hockey Action Centre offers a PSA, downloadable postcards and details for organizing your own "Save Hockey" event.

Generation Kyoto gets their name from the Kyoto Protocol, an international treaty in which countries commit to reducing carbon dioxide emissions and other greenhouse gases that lead to global warming. Pres. Bush famously refused to ratify the accord because he believes it would harm the US's economy. Ironically, the US is considered the top polluter in the world.

Don't be a hoser. Get involved at [generationkyoto.org](http://generationkyoto.org), eh? —JR

## New Road Takes Toll on Surf Spot

Surfers may have a rep for being slackers, but a proposed 241 Toll Road extension in south Orange County has roused the ire of environmentally conscious wave riders, who recently staged a "paddle out protest" to raise awareness for their cause.

Dubbed the "Highway From Hell" by its challengers, the proposed extension, connecting Oso Parkway to I-5 at the world-famous surf spot Trestles, could not only cause environmental woes, but may possibly change the shape of the breaks that made the spot so famous.

Opponents claim the proposed road will degrade wave quality due to changes in sediment flow, pollute the watershed and threaten endangered species while literally paving the way for more urban development. "That's where we go to feel the nature in our sport. There's no more nature left in surfing if they start screwing with Trestles," said pro-surfer and environmentalist Jericho Poppler to the Associated Press in November. Visit [surfrider.org/savetrestles](http://surfrider.org/savetrestles) to learn more. —*Jessica Ridenour*