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KNOW.

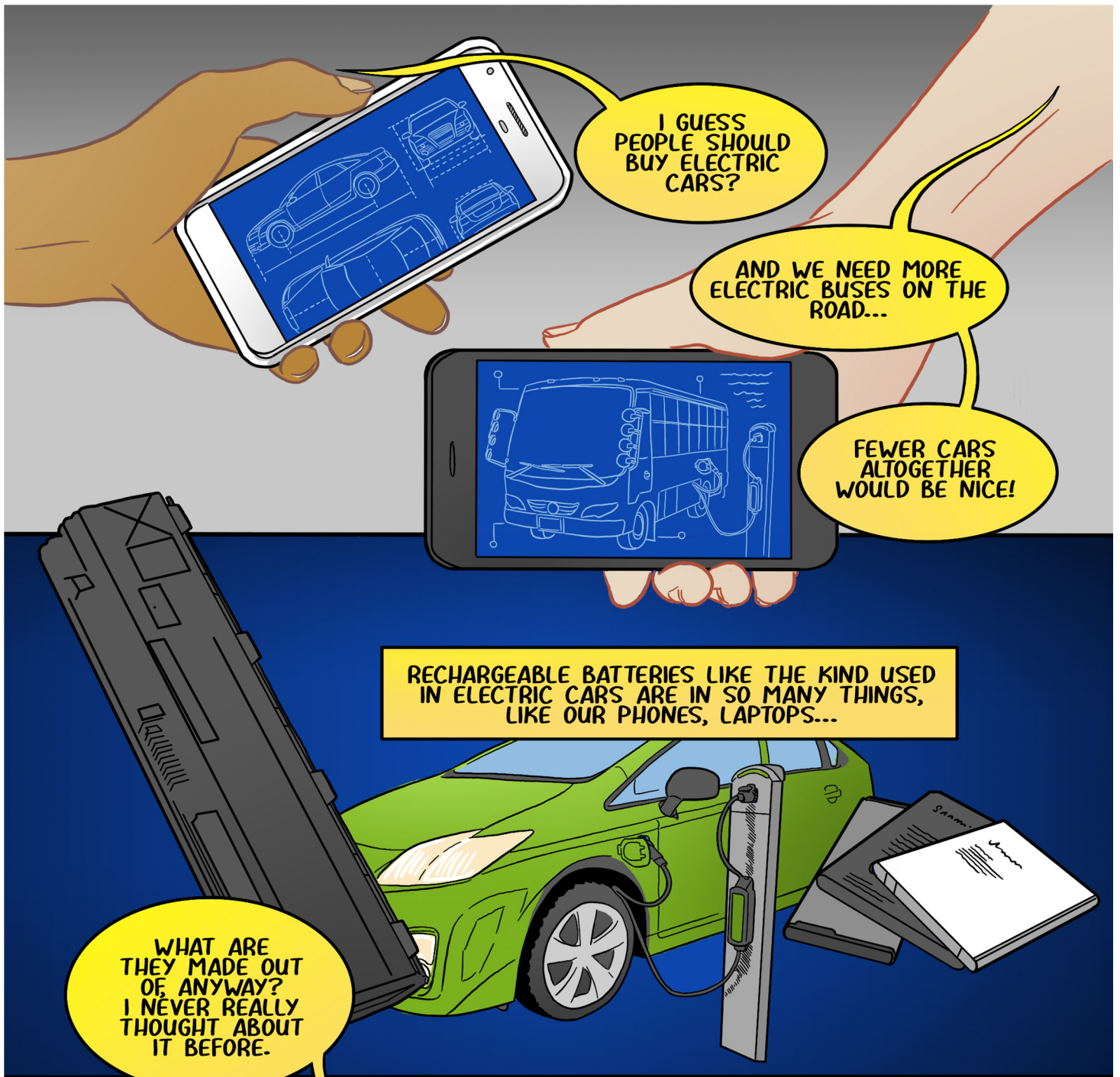
IMAGINE  
ROLLING  
DOWN YOUR  
WINDOW IN  
THAT?

ON TOP OF THAT,  
THINK ABOUT WHAT IT'S  
DOING TO THE ENVIRONMENT  
AND PEOPLE'S HEALTH

TO HAVE ALL THAT  
SMOG GOING INTO THE  
AIR DAY AFTER DAY, ALL  
OVER THE WORLD!

SO,  
WHAT'S THE  
ALTERNATIVE?







MOST OF THE WORLD'S LITHIUM IS FOUND IN THE 'LITHIUM TRIANGLE' IN SOUTH AMERICA, SUCH AS THE BEAUTIFUL AND DELICATE SALT FLATS OF ARGENTINA.

IT'S A LIFE-GIVING PLACE FOR THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES WHO LIVE THERE.

THEY INSIST ON THEIR RIGHT TO MAKE DECISIONS ABOUT ANY PROJECTS THAT COULD AFFECT THEIR SCARCE WATER RESOURCES AND THE DELICATE ECOSYSTEM.

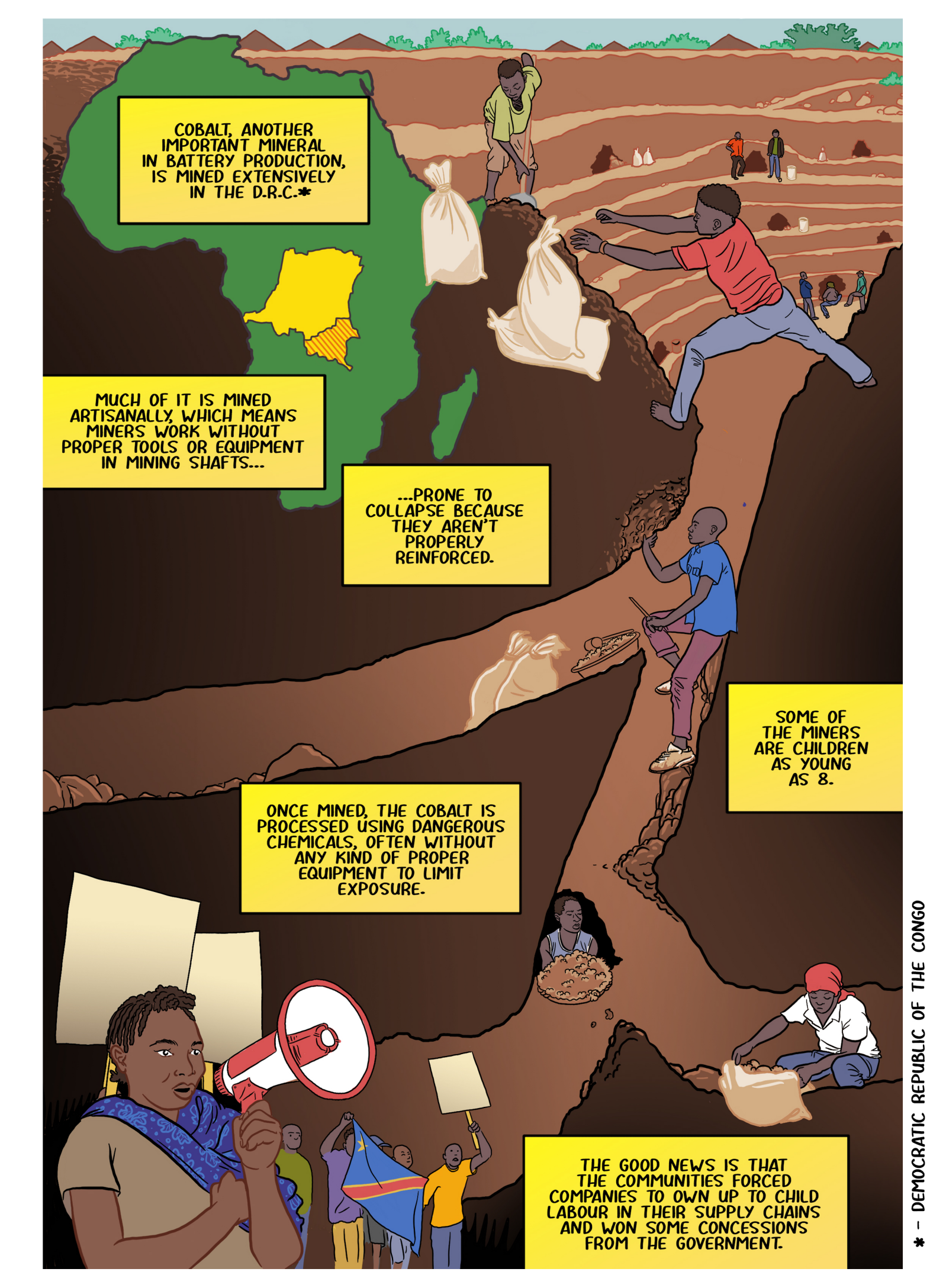
CUIDEMOS LA PACHAMAMA

THE SALT FLATS ARE VIBRANT, FULL OF LIFE! BUT LARGE-SCALE LITHIUM MINING COULD PUT THEIR WATER AT RISK.

IT'S NOT THAT WE'RE AGAINST PROGRESS OR DEVELOPMENT, LIKE THEY SOMETIMES SAY ABOUT US. DEVELOPMENT SHOULD HAPPEN, BUT IN A HEALTHY AND CONTROLLED WAY FOR OUR MOTHER EARTH, OUR PACHAMAMA.







COBALT, ANOTHER  
IMPORTANT MINERAL  
IN BATTERY PRODUCTION,  
IS MINED EXTENSIVELY  
IN THE D.R.C.\*

MUCH OF IT IS MINED  
ARTISANALLY, WHICH MEANS  
MINERS WORK WITHOUT  
PROPER TOOLS OR EQUIPMENT  
IN MINING SHAFTS...

...PRONE TO  
COLLAPSE BECAUSE  
THEY AREN'T  
PROPERLY  
REINFORCED.

SOME OF  
THE MINERS  
ARE CHILDREN  
AS YOUNG  
AS 8.

ONCE MINED, THE COBALT IS  
PROCESSED USING DANGEROUS  
CHEMICALS, OFTEN WITHOUT  
ANY KIND OF PROPER  
EQUIPMENT TO LIMIT  
EXPOSURE.

THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT  
THE COMMUNITIES FORCED  
COMPANIES TO OWN UP TO CHILD  
LABOUR IN THEIR SUPPLY CHAINS  
AND WON SOME CONCESSIONS  
FROM THE GOVERNMENT.





WOW, WHO KNEW THAT GOVERNMENTS AND COMPANIES  
HAVE BEEN IGNORING THIS FOR SO LONG!




I'M SO UPSET  
ABOUT THIS, I FEEL  
LIKE WE SHOULD DO  
SOMETHING...

IT SAYS HERE THAT IT TOOK ACTIVISTS  
TWO YEARS TO GET BIG TECH AND CAR COMPANIES TO  
EVEN ADMIT THEY WERE USING MINERALS MINED BY KIDS  
IN THE D.R.C.!



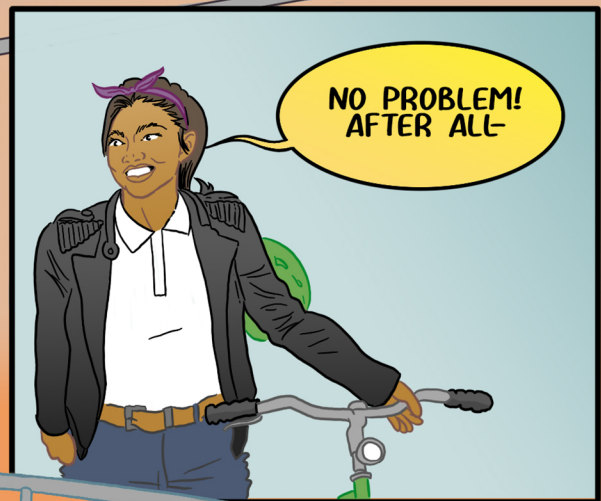
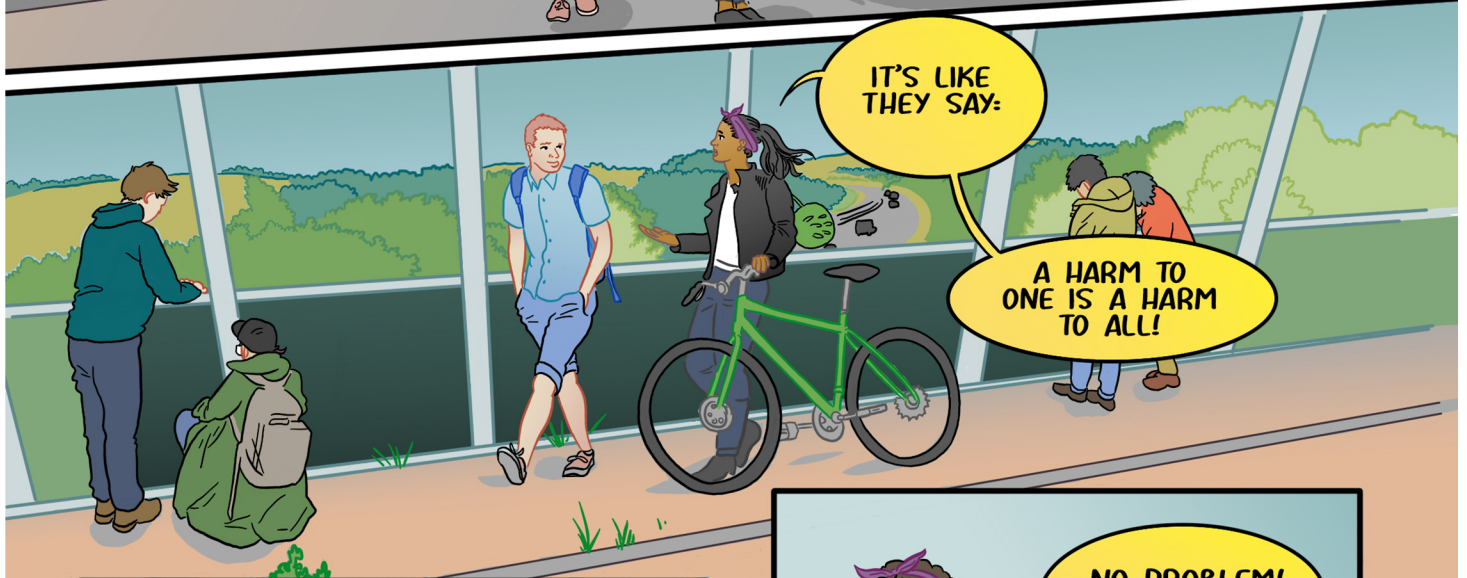
IF THERE'S ANYTHING  
I COULD DO TO MAKE BATTERIES MORE  
"ETHICAL"... WHO COULD WE TALK  
TO ABOUT THIS?

WELL, LET'S TELL  
THE TRANSIT AUTHORITY WE WANT  
ELECTRIC BUSES TO HAVE ETHICAL BATTERIES.  
I DON'T WANT PEOPLE IN ARGENTINA TO LOSE  
THEIR WATER BECAUSE OF US.



EXACTLY.  
WHETHER WE'RE  
TALKING ABOUT WHERE  
THE MINERALS COME  
FROM, OR WHERE THEY  
END UP.. WE ALL HAVE  
A RIGHT TO A HEALTHY  
ENVIRONMENT.







# JOIN US!

WANT TO  
BE PART OF  
A MOVEMENT FOR  
A JUST ENERGY  
TRANSITION?

WANT TO  
MAKE SURE NO  
ONE IS LEFT BEHIND,  
INCLUDING THE FRONTLINE  
COMMUNITIES WHERE  
BATTERY MINERALS  
ARE MINED?

HERE'S HOW: VISIT OUR WEBPAGE  
[AMNESTY.CA/ENERGYTRANSITION](https://amnesty.ca/energytransition)  
TO LEARN MORE, DOWNLOAD OUR  
MATERIALS AND TAKE ACTION!



Join with other  
youth to get involved  
and build the campaign  
for a just energy  
future.

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to get started.

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POWER A JUST  
FUTURE!

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