

# Helen Clark

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Girls can do anything. We do do anything and we expect to be treated as equals.

~Helen Clark

Someone's got to break the glass ceiling, and once it's broken, everybody else comes clamouring up behind.

~Helen Clark

No country will reach its full potential if its female citizens do not enjoy full equality.

~Helen Clark

Never look back. Move on. Aim high. Etc.

~Helen Clark

Any serious shift towards more sustainable societies has to include gender equality.

~Helen Clark

I only take on roles that I'm passionate about. Life is too short to do things that you're not happy with.

~Helen Clark

If ordinary means I have suddenly got to produce a household of kids and iron Peter's shirts, I'm sorry, I'm not interested.

~Helen Clark

Equity, dignity, happiness, sustainability - these are all fundamental to our lives but absent in the GDP.

~Helen Clark

I deeply detest social distinction and snobbery, and in that lies my strong aversion to titular honours.

~Helen Clark

If the market is left to sort matters out, social injustice will be heightened and suffering in the community will grow with the neglect the market fosters.

~Helen Clark

We need a lot of thinking and ideas. We need all the innovators, particularly with the new sustainable technologies - how do we get them to affordability so that people can generate clean energy?

~Helen Clark

I don't know that you're ever going to persuade New Zealanders that they're not going to own their own homes and I'm not going to try.

~Helen Clark

We need innovation. We need great ideas that can be simply and effectively produced all over the place.

~Helen Clark

As New Zealanders, we've been in on the United Nations from the very beginning, played a role in the drafting of the charter - it means a lot to us that those processes are followed.

~Helen Clark

I'm not into power for the sake of it.

~Helen Clark

Well in the end the world can crank itself up to sanctions, as it has with Zimbabwe, another sad case.

~Helen Clark

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We just sent our condolences to the President of the United States and

the American people on what is a terrible, terrible tragedy.

~Helen Clark

In terms of protecting ourselves, the main issues are around how do we protect our borders [from illegal migrants and livestock and plant diseases], how do we protect our fisheries?

~Helen Clark

Marine protected areas, and particularly no-take zones, are very effective in allowing regeneration of fish stocks.

~Helen Clark

Fortunately New Zealand doesn't have land borders so we are able to be somewhat more rigorous on who gets in and out of our country than perhaps some people.

~Helen Clark

Business can talk itself into a blue funk.

~Helen Clark

It's fair to say that, for much of my lifetime, New Zealand certainly was a property-owning democracy and working people, ordinary people, had assets.

~Helen Clark

In the end, there will always be a fundamental difference of perspective between New Zealand and Australia on defense, whoever is in government.

~Helen Clark

Innovation applied across the board of development is having a huge impact, and can have more. All sorts of technology can provide shortcuts, can overcome obstacles which once seemed insuperable.

~Helen Clark

Never look back' is my philosophy.

~Helen Clark

Afghanistan is one of the poorest countries on earth. Security issue or no security issue, there would need to be a focus on it.

~Helen Clark

Economic growth which strips out the planet's ecosystems is not sustainable

~Helen Clark

I have no beliefs of a religious kind.

~Helen Clark

I think the penny has dropped that the All Blacks aren't automatically just going to be the best team in the world.

~Helen Clark

New Zealand and SA should take this dimension into account, the skills South Africans are presently contributing to New Zealand.

~Helen Clark

I think the issue of North Korea is one where the international community as a whole has to work to resolve the crisis.

~Helen Clark

Well of course New Zealand isn't anti-American.

~Helen Clark

Health and education are always issues.

~Helen Clark

Of course I have an opinion on many things but I don't micromanage.

~Helen Clark

In terms of having views and being prepared to express them, yes, I think New Zealand's had a leadership role in a lot of things.

~Helen Clark

I think that generally New Zealand is respected for the positions it takes because it thinks them through.

~Helen Clark

New Zealand's been pretty quiet on human rights issues, which we will be taking rather more interest in, and in international labor issues.

~Helen Clark

Of course as a small country you're not necessarily in the strongest negotiating position unless you're negotiating with other small countries.

~Helen Clark

People are optimistic about the future.

~Helen Clark

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