Political economic constraints to climate policy – a framework and typology

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| **Constraints to climate policy** |  |  |  |
| **Community and household level**  - Barriers to political demand: low awareness or scepticism of climate change, low social trust  - Barriers to uptake and demand: material/financial deprivation, low social pressure, limited agency |  |  |  |
| **Energy service provisioning level**  - “Locked-in” carbon intensive physical infrastructures  - Incumbent providers resistant to change  - High barriers to new entrants  - Low-technological readiness, limited expertise |  |  |  |
| **Energy sector policy level**  - Inadequate regulation of private sector  - |  |  |  |
| **Multi-sector policy level**  - Macroeconomic policy  - Financial dependency on fossil fuel extraction/production  - Poverty reduction policies (subsidies) |  |  |  |
| **National context and environment**  - Strategic concerns  - Anti-regulatory norms  - Endemic corruption  - No free press or accountability |  |  |  |
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