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The 50 to 1 project: The true cost of 'action' on climate change



In light of the looming Australian election it seems fitting to take another look at Australia's climate change policy.

www.50to1.net has been sponsored by the Lord Monckton Foundation.

In a 9 minute video presented by Topher: [Lord Monckton's analysis](#) of the economics of Australia's carbon reduction policy is shown- similar to what was presented during his recent NZ tour.

The site also contains [a whole range of interviews](#) with noted climate sceptics such as: Joanne Nova, David Evans, Anthony Watts, Christopher Essex, Donna Laframboise, Marc Morano, Fred Singer and Henry Ergas.

[Pdf](#) of all the 50 to 1 sources and the maths

Bob

Christchurch update:

Many of you will have heard that the Christchurch group was successful in the recent court case regarding properties in the Red Zone.

Geof, who organised the protest at the High Court, has written a final [summary](#). Scroll to the bottom for the 'September 2013' update.

Agenda 21 and Christchurch

A variety of [links](#) put together by Geof.

Here are some [links](#) which may interest you.

It appears that recently rising sea levels were arrested by - you guessed it Global Warming -

Also [this article](#) explains that there is some doubt that wind turbines actually produce a net output.

A little worrying as it is taxpayers money being squandered.

Hope these are of some interest.

Cheers

Geof

Quadrant Online If Warmists would only tell the truth

by Barry Brill

[Full article.](#)

Extract:

Thousands of research papers are summarised by the IPCC's WG1 into 14 chapters of about 100 pages each, which are further summarised into a 70-page technical report that is finally condensed into a Summary for Policymakers (SPM).

Recognising that even a 20-page SPM exceeds the attention span of most journalists, governments distil the politically-relevant essence down to a single soundbite - a meme which becomes the cultural motif of the entire report.

Here are the last three IPCC memes:

2001 TAR: *“Most of the observed warming over the last 50 years is likely to have been due to the increase in greenhouse gas concentrations”.*

2007 4AR: *“Most of the observed increase in global average temperatures since the mid-20th century is very likely due to the observed increase in anthropogenic greenhouse gas concentrations.”*

2013 5AR (leaked draft): *“It is extremely likely that human influence on climate caused more than half of the observed increase in global average surface temperature from 1951 to 2010.”*

Another article by Barry Brill:

[Can the IPCC do revolutionary science?](#)

The timing couldn't be worse.

On 23-26 September, scores of representatives of the world's Environment Ministries are scheduled to meet in Stockholm to wordsmith the final draft of the Summary for Policymakers (SPM) of the key WG1 (physical science) portion of the Fifth Assessment Report (AR5) of the UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).....

But the SPM has been sidelined by momentous climate change events that occurred after its March cut-off date - and even after the date the draft was circulated.....

A devastating reply to leftist sociologists who think skepticism is "misinformation"

An [excellent piece](#) by David Legates, Willie Soon, William Briggs, and Chris Monckton published in *Science and Education*.

A very interesting read!

Terry

Parasitic Power Producers

<http://www.climaterealist.org.nz/node/989>

Extract: The green energy twins, wind and solar, are parasitic power producers. They cannot produce continuous predictable electricity without sucking backup from their hosts - real power plants using coal, gas, nuclear, hydro or geothermal energy..

They start their freeloading life by attaching themselves to an electricity network built and paid for by their hosts. They seldom contribute to the capital or maintenance cost of the transmission network, and they force consumers to subsidise the feed-in price received for their unreliable output.

From day one, the green energy parasites force their hosts to support them with electricity during the frequent periods when they produce no power. At times, in cold still weather, wind farms drain power from the network to keep the turbines from freezing..

All green energy plants in a region tend to produce either peak power or zero power at the same times... This surging creates serious network instability and forces fluctuating output in backup facilities.

Because of this continuous need for backup, not one unit of real power can be closed. This causes periodic overcapacity in the network. All plants generate lower revenue and profits and both producers and consumers bear the cost of supporting the parasites.

Viv

Global Warming Expedition Foiled by Ice

If you want to tempt fate, organize [an expedition to one of the polar regions](#) to call attention to the perils of global warming. The [outcome is foreordained](#):

Severe weather conditions hindered our early progress and now ice chokes the passage ahead.

Our ice router Victor has been very clear in what lies ahead. He writes, “Just to give you the danger of ice situation at the eastern Arctic, Eef Willems of “Tooluka” (NED) pulled out of the game and returning to Greenland. At many Eastern places of NWP locals have not seen this type ice conditions. Residents of Resolute say 20 years have not seen anything like. It’s, ice, ice and more ice. Larsen, Peel, Bellot, Regent and Barrow Strait are all choked. That is the only route to East. Already West Lancaster received -2C temperature expecting -7C on Tuesday with the snow.”.....

Richard dropped me a note the other day advising: “This has been the coldest season with the most ice since we started Arctic Watch in 2000. Almost no whales. The NWPassage is still blocked with ice. Some of the bays still have not melted!”

...we’d require at least another 50-60 days to make it to Pond Inlet. Throw in the issues of less light, colder temperatures, harsher fall storms and lots of ice blocking the route and our decision is easy.

So the expedition is being abandoned. Did this experience cause any second thoughts on the global warming campaign? Of course not!

Our message remains unaffected though, bringing awareness to the pressing issues of climate change in the arctic.

Right. Some would say the Arctic could use a little climate change, but don’t hold your breath.

Don

Protecting the Environment

By Dr Vincent Gray

[Full article.](#)

Extract:

Living organisms are dependent on a whole series of chemical reactions whose rate is dependent on temperature. To maintain life, the whole organism must be surrounded by an environment which keeps the temperature of the organism within the limits necessary for its continuity. The environment must also make possible the provision of the necessary inputs such as food and shelter and the disposal of outputs....

Don

Links from Phil H:

Here's a few new items of interest for your next newsletter:

- Medieval Warm Period (Arctic) -- [Summary](#)
- Current state-of-the-art [climate models](#) still have a long ways to go
- Ten years' "accelerated global warming"? [No, mr. President!](#)
- The warm weather may be a precursor to a [Little Ice Age](#)
- Looming weak [solar max](#) may herald frosty times
- Climate scientists must not advocate particular [policies](#)
- [Can Climate Models Explain the 15-year Slowdown in Warming?](#)

That is the title of a [new discussion paper](#) by [Hans von Storch](#), Professor at the Meteorological Institute of the University of Hamburg.

- [Antarctic Sea Ice Extent Breaking All Records](#)
- After Climategate . . . [never the same](#) (?)
- Climate Change: [Be Not Afraid!](#)
- Environmentalists Attack Reuters Journalist for [Thoughtcrime](#) of Doubting Global Warming

- Europe [pulls the plug](#) on its green future
- Ancient climate change picked the [crops we eat today](#)
- Germany's Energy Poverty: [How Electricity Became a Luxury Good](#)

see also: [More evidence green jobs are illusory](#)

New Book: Quack Policy - [Abusing Science in the Cause of Paternalism](#)

Extract:

High levels of scientific doubt are often concealed as a result of 'noble-cause corruption'. Scientists may exaggerate levels of confidence in their findings if it promotes actions they happen to support. This problem is particularly acute in fields that have long been policy battlegrounds, such as climate, health and education. Many scientists entered such fields because they were already committed to a particular policy agenda.

Richard Lindzen

Hello everyone,

Richard Lindzen has a strong piece in the Journal of American Physicians and Surgeons. It is mentioned today on the GWPF website.

He equates the current politico/religious belief in global warming with that in eugenics and lysekoism.

I believe Michael Chrichton may have been one of the first to draw a comparison with eugenics. As you know the effects of these previous examples of bad science lingered on for some decades. Robert Winston mentions this in his book on Bad Science.

[Full article.](#)

Best Wishes

George

Two Scientific Organisations get three cheers

The [news](#) is that [the WFS has decided](#) that 'climate change' no longer deserves the status of a planetary emergency. The chair of the panel, Professor Christopher Essex, stated to members at their annual meeting that the Earth's climate is dynamic and in a state of constant change. 'Human societies have lived and thrived under every conceivable climate, and modern technology makes adaptation to changing weather conditions entirely routine.'

Kind regards,

Bryan

See also: [World federation of scientists cools on global warming](#).

Brett

This is fun:

And the judge involved is no faintheart, either. As one of the comments after [the article](#) says:

The President of the Italian Senate, Judge Pietro Grasso, was the judge in Sicily's first maxiprocesso, a class-action prosecution of dozens of Mafiosi who were sent to prison for a total of 2600 years.

Bob

Links from Ken

Alerted to this [gem of misinformation](#) on a [Joanne Nova](#) blog....

They DO refer to water vapour, BUT, they imply by excluding it from their pie chart of GHGs that it isn't a GHG we should be bothered about.

As the blogger mentions, if little Johnny is asked which is the most abundant GHG...H2O would not be the answer.....

I suspect in NZ the same misinformation educational 'resources' abound...

Ken

While browsing warmist websites (to keep an eye on their shenanigans) I came across this campaign to subvert NZ Superannuation by a letter writing campaign to Adrian Orr, CEO of NZ Super.

I decided to use their suggested text as the basis for my own letter to Adrian:

Counter to ACT.350org campaign against fossil fuel investment

Dear Adrian,

Some 350.org activists will send you a deluge of emails from a web-based campaign to intimidate the NZ Super Fund saying that: Repeated studies show we need to keep at least 80% of proven fossil fuel reserves in the ground to stand a credible chance of holding global warming to the internationally agreed 2 degree target.

As head of a fund that is investing for my future, please don't be influenced by these political activists.

They say: The financial case for divesting from fossil fuels is strong. Recent reports from HSBC, S&P, Moody's and others show the increasing financial risk of such investments and growing international awareness of a "carbon bubble" - as fossil fuel companies are currently listing as assets reserves which realistically they will never be allowed to extract. This kind of green intimidation should be abhorred. As the Climate Change scam collapses some economies may be forced to build coal power stations just to keep the lights on, which is happening right now in Germany.

They say: Other institutions are taking action; recently major Norwegian pension fund Storebrand announced divestment from 19 fossil fuel companies and the World Bank has announced it is cutting loans to new coal power plants. And following the dictates of activists as a herd is not an appropriate investment strategy.

I'm asking you not to follow the example of these institutions and a growing number of others including universities, cities and churches, but to do your best for the fund you head independent of political interference.

To parody their call to action: Act now to:

- ***Put in place an investment policy excluding any political influences.***
- ***Avoid investments in renewable energy that have proven to be wholly unviable without subsidies, which can be withdrawn at a stroke.***

Yours Sincerely,

Ken Methven

In the 'that was the week' section of [Wattsupwiththat](#) a couple of weeks ago [this](#) appeared:

Number of the Week: 0+0. The first 0 was selected from a pithy comment by Ross McKittrick as reported by WUWT: "Here's the list of scientific institutions and societies that have issued statements agreeing with CAGW, and that surveyed their members to find out how many agreed with the statement prior to issuing it, and published the results of the survey:

The second 0 was for the number of people that showed up for Climate Action Day in Georgetown promoted by Organizing for Action, a follow-up organization from President Obama's election campaign.

Anyway, Bob Carter pointed out that the [Geological Society of Australia Inc](#) (GSA) did actually have a proper consultation process and their draft statement is quite interestingly, scientific:

Ken

In the UK wind

[Full article.](#)

Extract:

Owen Paterson, the Environment Secretary, has commissioned a consultancy to investigate whether renewable technologies - including wind turbines - lower house prices in the countryside.

Coalition sources said the report is being blocked by officials at the Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC), run by Ed Davey, a Liberal Democrat, amid fears it will conclude that turbines harm property prices.

Mr Paterson has made clear that he intends to make the document public as soon as it is completed.....

..... Details of the study, the first major review of renewables and their impact on house prices, were disclosed in The ENDS Report, an environmental policy magazine. A spokesman for Defra said: "It is our role to rural-proof policy. We need to ensure that energy is generated in a way that is sustainable. Sustainability includes the economic as well as social and environmental impacts."

Ken

Fallacies, Fables and Fibs

I note NIWA, and of course J. Salinger, say we've just had the warmest winter since 1904. Not in Orewa we ain't! I'm told that's because of our 'micro climate'. So I guess one can rest assured that NIWA records are based on places with no micro climate or other local effects and have been taken at the same places since records began. Somehow I doubt it. Surprisingly, the 'very warm winter' is not attributed to global warming.

It's hard to make comparisons, because my 'Bateman NZ Facts' book is based on *mean daily max temps* for the four main cities from 1971-2000. When one scours NIWA records for those 'numbers'... they don't appear.

That's a bit odd *n'est ce pas?*

jc

Funny Bit at the end of the newsletter:

Why do supermarkets make the sick walk all the way to the back of the store to get their prescriptions while healthy people can buy cigarettes at the front?

Why do people order double cheeseburgers, large fries, and a diet coke?

Why do banks leave vault doors open and then chain the pens to the counters?

Why do we leave cars worth thousands of dollars in our driveways and put our useless junk in the garage?

EVER WONDER...

Why the sun lightens our hair, but darkens our skin?

Why can't women put on mascara with their mouth closed?

Why don't you ever see the headline 'Psychic Wins Lottery'?

Why is 'abbreviated' such a long word?

Why is it that doctors and attorneys call what they do 'practice'?

Why is lemon juice made with artificial flavoring, and dish washing liquid made with real lemons?

Why is the man who invests all your money called a broker?

Why is the time of day with the slowest traffic called rush hour?

Why isn't there mouse-flavored cat food?

Why didn't Noah swat those two mosquitoes?

Why do they sterilize the needle for lethal injections?

You know that indestructible black box that is used on airplanes? Why don't they make the whole plane out of that stuff??

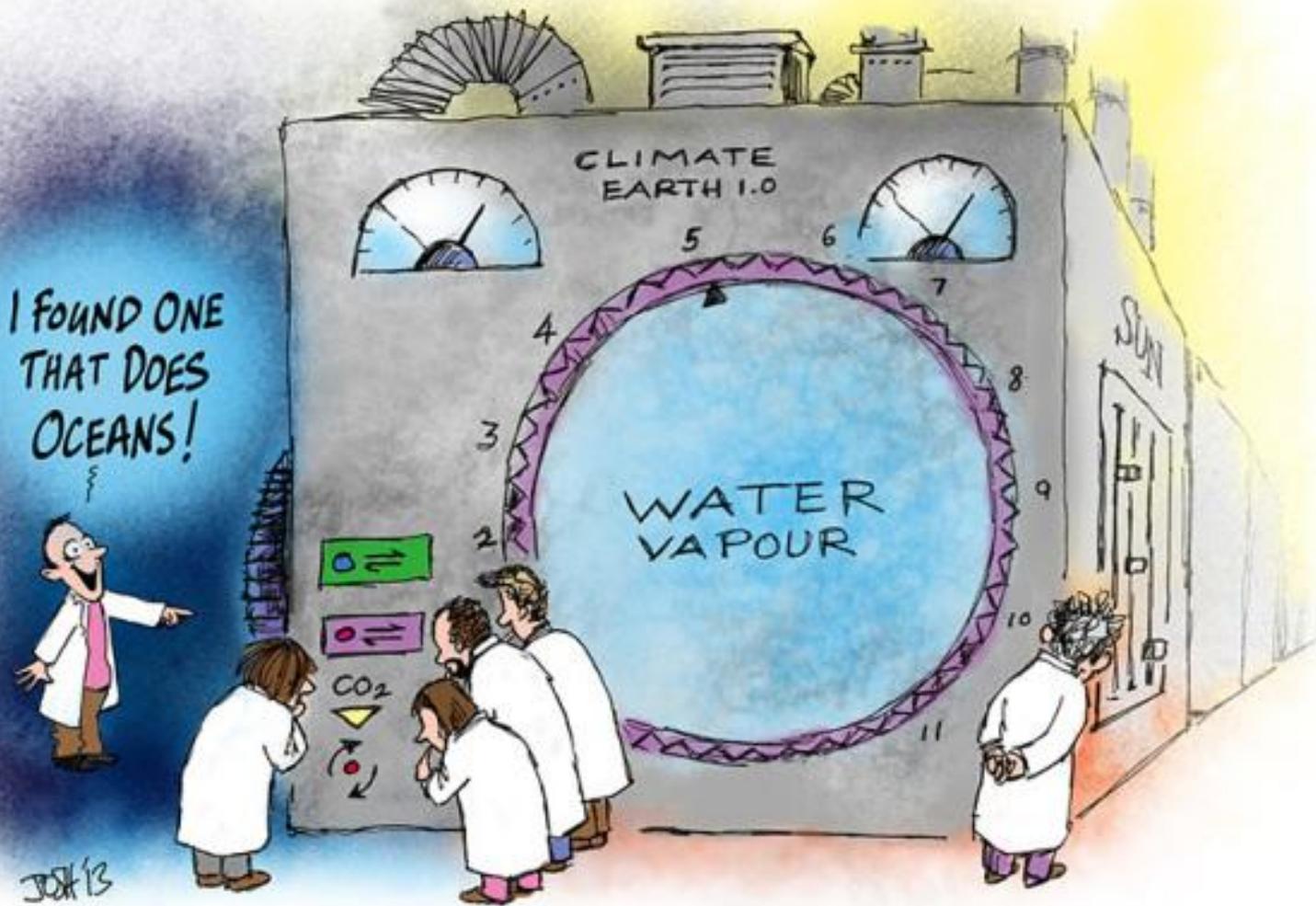
Why don't sheep shrink when it rains?

Why are they called apartments when they are all stuck together?

If flying is so safe, why do they call the airport the terminal?

(Thanks Doug!)

CLIMATE CONTROL KNOBS



CLIMATE SCIENTISTS DISCOVER THAT OCEANS HAVE
A MAJOR INFLUENCE* ON GLOBAL TEMPERATURES

*"WE TOLD YOU SO" BY A.N. SCEPTIC