

Time to turn up the heat.

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***You ask “What can we do?”
No one can do everything,
but everyone can do something.***

In a lifetime of observing and participating in politics, the world wide campaign by the international green movement (aided by the power-seeking UN bureaucracy) to monitor, control and tax every food, energy and transport business in the world is the most dangerous development I have ever seen. It has the potential to blight the lives and investments of the majority of Australians who are unable to find a safe place for themselves on the government payroll or in the protected Climate Change Industry.

Its philosophy of total government control of every business, every home and every consumer is totalitarian in its intent and totally inconsistent with the maintenance of our heritage of freedom and enterprise. As the Russians and the Chinese fling off their yokes of oppression, we seem about to fasten our own handcuffs.

Opposing this new authoritarian green offensive must now be “The Battle of Our Times”. (For clues as to the philosophical roots of this campaign, see “The Battle of our Times” at: <http://carbon-sense.com/wp-content/uploads/2009/08/battle-of-our-times.pdf>)

In Australia, there are sensible people everywhere who recognize the dangers and see through the spurious arguments. But they fear the bully mobs in the bureaucracy, politics, academia and the media.

We now have 2 months to put enough spine in the doubters everywhere to defeat whatever compromise Ration-N-Tax Scheme Penny Wong and Malcolm Turnbull cook up to get passed in the Australian Parliament by November, 2009.

People ask “What can we do?”

Here are some suggestions on how to: ***“Turn up the Heat”***.

- **Arm the disciples and encourage them to action. Create spreading circles of doubt. It must be done “One by One”.**

Like the pyramid marketers, we need waves of information spreading in circles from many centres. Everyone can do something. No one has the silver bullet. Concentrate on the people who trust you or rely on you. They may at least listen long enough for you to sow seeds of doubt. Talk to local businesses, politicians, media people, friends, family and work associates. Show people where to find common sense on climate. Keep finding new places to sow seeds. Ignore the dedicated opponents such as green politicians or Goreists in places like the government bureaucracies, the government universities and the government media – you will just wear yourself out there. We need to convert Australia “**one by one**” and it can be done if we have enough spreading circles of doubt. But there is little time.

- **Open the minds of the media, use and encourage the people’s media.**

There are already some great journalists who recognize and question nonsense. More are secret doubters. Feed them stories, information, pictures, new ways of looking at things, ridicule and humour, science and news - all the things that make news for them to sell. The traditional media are threatened by the people’s media on the internet. They need friends, so make sure they know that the public is more sceptical than the media, the politicians or academia. It is from the cleansing deserts that the prophets are coming, not from the stagnant green swamps surrounding establishment places like the ABC. These philosophical swamps are still oozing the same total government ideas which were tried and failed last century.

Start challenging the media, in court if necessary, for repeating lies or unsubstantiated scare stories. Let’s see more headlines like this:

“Navy Chemist Trashes New York Times for ‘Continuously regurgitating fear-mongering, anecdotal clap trap of global warming propagandists’” (substitute ABC or AGE for NYT).

Anyone can write letters-to-the-editor. Make them short, polite, simple, colourful and well directed. One idea per letter. Your local paper is more likely to run local letters. Appeal to the basic common sense of most Australians. Explain the costs and disruptions in store. And highlight the costly and intrusive extra bureaucracy. Get people laughing at the stupidity of the alarmists and their scares – no one can survive being laughed at and held up to ridicule.

Support journalists like Andrew Bolt, Terry McCrann, Alan Jones, Jim Ball, Greg Carey, Gerry Jackson and Prodos who are stating some obvious home truths about the alarmist agenda and its consequences for our lives, freedom and jobs.

Then alert the media to the existence of organisations such as:

- the Lavoisier Society (<http://www.lavoisier.com.au/index.php>)
- the Australian Climate Science Coalition (<http://www.auscsc.org.au/>)
- the Carbon Sense Coalition (www.carbon-sense.com).
- The New Zealand Centre for Political Research (<http://www.nzcpr.com/>)

Support others like Institute of Public Affairs, Quadrant and On Line Opinion whenever they run sceptical articles.

And participate in sites like the great Agmates community group.

See: <http://agmates.ning.com/groups>

It's time to turn up the heat on the media.

- **Scare the Politicians – make sure they know that your vote is not guaranteed.**

Politics is a numbers game. The objective is to gain votes and power. Your local politician needs to know for sure that he is in danger of losing your vote and his seat. Contact him to make sure he understands that if he votes for global warming legislation, he has lost your support **and** gained your active opposition.

The US is providing some lessons. Obama, concerned that his plans for emissions trading, health care, stimulus spending and nationalisation of industry were not receiving the support he expected, sent his Congressmen into the electorate to explain things. They received such a hot reception that some are now in hiding from their angry constituents. Electors are now organising their own meetings and wildfire protest meetings are sweeping the USA. Politicians are running for cover as they realise that many of them are going to lose their seats.

This voter backlash will become world-wide, threatening incumbents in UK, Germany and other places. Political parties of the extreme centre such as Turnbull's liberals and the ALP will get crushed or split by increasing polarization. Let the alarmist or defeatist parties and candidates know you will actively campaign against them and direct your support and donations to their opponents unless you see evidence of their opposition to this baseless grab for power over your life and income.

If in doubt, throw the incumbent out.

Give support to politicians and political parties who have the courage to question the global warming scare stories, and stand up to the green shirts.

Top candidate for support must be Steve Fielding and the Family First Party, followed by Barnaby Joyce, Ron Boswell and the Nationals. Let them know you have noticed their courageous stand in Parliament and support it. Then support the parliamentary doubters among the Independents, the Liberals and ALP. There are many doubters, some outspoken, some silent – Dennis Jensen, Wilson Tuckey and Senator Cori Bernardi in the Liberals and Martin Ferguson and Michael Costa (ex-ALP?) in the ALP. There are others.

You can also join the Climate Sceptics Party which is the most focussed, well informed and single minded among the political doubters. See:

<http://www.climatesceptics.com.au/>

Or support the Democratic Labor Party, One Nation, the Citizens' Electoral Council, the North Queensland Party or the Liberal Democratic Party– let the alarmists in all parties and the media know that ALL minor parties except the comrades among the Reds and the Greens oppose their anti-carbon agenda.

Currently the Lib-Lab party is terrified of the ability of the greens to direct preferences and thus swing elections. We must destroy the ability of the greens to bully majorities in this way.

Firstly make sure people understand the preferential voting system. They need not follow the party card. Even if you vote 1 for Greens, give the next preference to **your** second choice, and do not support party preference deals. Never “Just vote 1” – always find out who is running, what they stand for and then rank them, 1 to 66 if necessary.

Watch also what is happening in your local authority – they are probably infested with Watermelon Candidates and staff. Protest their green taxes and their Climate Change restrictions on your property rights and values. Watch for new zoning plans, regional plans, anti-development plans and costly home designs all based on silly long term climate forecasts which are probably less reliable than tarot readings.

It's time to turn up the heat on all politicians seeking your vote.

- **Challenge the public service advisers**

The public service (including bodies such as the CSIRO) is supposed to give independent unbiased advice to the government and people of Australia. Pressure from political bosses and bribery from the lure of “research grants” has corrupted the independence of most government bodies.

Real science is being replaced by clagues of government apologists and their cheer squads in the green armies. Facts and evidence are no longer important – only the official message is allowed air time.

The once great CSIRO may never recover its reputation when the lack of evidence for its global warming scares becomes obvious.

Senator Steve Fielding has given us a good lead by putting Minister Wong and the Chief Scientist on the spot by asking plain questions on the evidence for man-made global warming.

And the US Chamber of Commerce is challenging in the courts the EPA ruling that carbon dioxide is a pollutant.

Let's follow these leads and turn up the heat on all government climate advisers. Demand proof, evidence, independent due diligence and cost-benefit analyses.

- **Don't forget the churches.**

It is probably appropriate that many ministers of religion seem to think they should give a bit of support to the new Global Warming Religion. It seems so politically correct. But they should be gently challenged to check the basis of this competing new anti-human religion with its pagan green idols. Make sure they understand that the science is not settled, and the policies proposed will harm the job prospects and living costs of the poorest in their congregations. Ask also if they are keen to help adding millions more to Al Gore's climate investment fortune?

- **Watch what is happening in your school.**

The Alarmists have learned from master propagandists that the youth brigades are the easiest to recruit, the most gullible and the most vicious and uncompromising. Remember the Hitler youth, Mao's Red Brigades and Mussolini's Black shirts. The Green Zealots are not so far away. Already parents report that their kids are acting as green policemen, spying, preaching and reporting.

See what your kids are doing, what they are being taught and demand some balance, some discussion of evidence, some balancing of probabilities, and some consideration of costs and benefits.

Make sure they get education, not indoctrination.

Get copies of "The Sceptics Handbook" (<http://joannenova.com.au/global-warming/>).

Give it to your kids, to their science teacher (do they still teach "science"?) and to the school library.

Talk to your kids and grandkids, claim them back from the propagandists. Give them hope for their future – "Climate is always changing – we can't stop it but we will cope. Remind them that they are descendants of a very long line of survivors, stretching back to the cave men. Our ancestors were smart enough to survive climate conditions far worse than we face in our lifetimes. We will also survive if we are left free to think, to experiment and to adapt".

It's time to turn up the heat in schools and universities.

- **Sensitise business leaders to recognize the risks they face from shareholder or legal action.**

Businesses are investing shareholder money in stupid schemes such as carbon geo-sequestration, ethanol plants, solar energy and wind power. Many are also gearing up to invest in the emerging carbon trading and derivatives market – the ultimate bubble business whose assets are options on hot air. Few of these investments could be justified without the artificial support of government mandates, subsidies or taxes on their competitors. Such support will disappear one rowdy afternoon in Parliament. Directors of companies risking shareholder funds in such high risk speculative ventures must be alerted to the fact that unless they investigate the facts, and produce truly independent reports on the risks faced, they risk shareholder action. So, if you are a shareholder, write and ask the directors why they are risking your funds without adequate investigation. Ask them for justification, explanation and disclosure.

Let's also demand an audit from our holier-than-thou power companies who deliberately induce people to support silly green power initiatives. If you are a customer or a shareholder of Origin Energy, for example, demand a justification and an audit of what they are doing with the Green Power money raised from consumers without a prospectus.

And watch how your investment managers are handling your funds and your superannuation. Make sure they understand that you do not want to risk your retirement funds in green investments that depend for their profitability on government mandates, subsidies or tax breaks.

It's time to turn up the heat on the Climate Change Industry, and its supplicant businesses.

- **Shake up Professional and Business Bodies – use member petitions, letters and questions to demonstrate there is no consensus on the science.**

The Green army is already well established in positions of power in many professional bodies representing scientists, engineers, farmers, business groups, medical, legal and other professionals and in some trade unions.

A few examples come to mind.

In Mareeba recently there was a meeting “Introduction to Carbon on the Farm” where Graeme Bell from Agforce and Dave Putland from Growcom were there to enlighten their audience on behalf of the Federal Government's Emissions Trading Scheme. Here is a comment from a grazier who attended:

***“During the course of the meeting they admitted to the assembled throng that their mission was funded by the Federal Government. They gave the firm impression they were not there to take any suggestions for improvements to the pending ETS but to let the audience know what had been decided upon by the Rudd administration. This was truly astonishing.*”**

“It therefore was firmly established that these primary producer representing organisations had abandoned their traditional role of upholding the best interests of their rural membership and have treasonably agreed to provide their services as paid agents for the Australian Labor Party’s ETS.”

Another member recently attended a Meat and Livestock Australia meeting where MLA said that as they were not a political organisation, they accepted the government line on the RATS Bill. However they were proud of the fact that they had persuaded the minister that MLA should be the centre for allocating research funds, jointly contributed by the industry and the Feds. Another body fatally compromised by government power and money.

Yet another example is the Business Council of Australia. I wondered why this body was so supine, even friendly on the issue of the Ration-N-Tax Scheme. A recent report made it clear – 60% of the BCA membership will have no carbon permit liability and many of them expect to benefit from the RATS Bill - lawyers, accountants, bankers, stock brokers, carbon traders, green energy hopefuls and other vested interests.

Bodies representing the coal and mining companies have been either compliant or ineffectual. And these bodies include many such as gas producers, lawyers and contractors who hope to benefit from the RATS Bill. Coal miners assumed they would get exemptions, and encouraged the government in the silly carbon geo-sequestration speculation. Now when they realise they will be hurt they have started squealing – it may be too late, the trap yard is built and the gates are closing.

CEDA (the Committee for Economic Development of Australia) is playing a two faced game. They are smart enough to realise that the RATS Bill will probably be defeated in both Australia and USA. So they are quietly grooming their favoured replacement. Betraying the goal implied in their name, CEDA is now promoting a carbon tax.

These bodies need to face challenges from those members who do not support the global warming agenda. Make them change or leave them and form or join groups that truly represent your interests.

Professional bodies should be told to present both sides, or keep quiet on issues outside their jurisdiction. Already in the US, the American Chemical Society and the American Physical Society is being challenged by petitions and other actions by thousands of members who do not accept the global warming scares supported by their executive.

We need similar initiatives in Australia, in unions, professional bodies, farming bodies and business organisations. If you are a member of any of these groups, start writing to Presidents, Secretaries and CEO’s. If that fails, start petitions or challenge them in elections. Watch elections and make sure no warmist candidates get your vote. Find a Sceptic candidate if possible. Ask candidates what their position is.

It’s time to turn up the heat on professional and business groups. We may be slow to start but, once roused, we will be hard to stop.

Make waves, make news, make trouble, make incumbents uncomfortable.

- **Support True Environmentalism**

Do not let the alarmists get away with the lie that we support pollution, destruction of our natural environment or waste of our valuable energy or water resources. Instead point out how their destruction and prohibition of the most efficient energy sources will cause more waste of resources, more environmental degradation, more poverty and fewer real jobs. Poor people have no interest in the environment – their priority is survival and providing for their family.

We do not condone pollution of the atmosphere, the oceans, our rivers or other people's property.

Nor do we oppose solar energy, wind energy, electric cars or ethanol production – we merely say that we should not be forced to use, invest in or subsidise activities in these areas – that is the business of the promoters. Individual investors and consumers are best placed to decide which gadgets and technology they prefer for whatever reason they choose. But a few politicians should not be allowed to force us to contribute our taxes, increase the cost of our electricity, our fuel and our food supplies, all on a crusade which is baseless and serves other agendas.

- **Don't be intimidated by cries of "Vested Interests".**

Garth Partridge, who wrote the recently released "The Climate Caper", was put down by a comment in Wikipedia from an anonymous source that he had once done a job for the Institute of Petroleum and thus was fatally compromised for ever more (it was about 30 years ago, he was seconded from CSIRO to the Petroleum Institute for a year to help the oil industry develop a clean-up capacity).

Compare this slur with the reality of the new Carbon Barons. When Al Gore left politics, he was worth \$2 million. Now he is reported to be worth well in excess of \$100 million because of his green empire. According to Lawrence Solomon writing in the Financial Post, many people expect Gore to become a billionaire through his stakes in a global warming hedge fund, a carbon offset business, a renewable energy investment business and other global warming related ventures. His plan is brutal and direct – he will lobby politicians to tax carbon fuels so heavily via carbon taxes and emission trading schemes that carbon fuels will no longer be cheaper than renewables. He plans to use politics to destroy our cheap abundant energy and enrich himself at the same time.

We need to confront this attempt to silence or discredit those who understand our great primary industries. And let's have some balance. Make the ABC ask every alarmist if they benefit from government funding or salaries. Make them seek comments from people who have training and experience in the topics as well as those whose only credentials are in green politics and lobbying. Be proud to have some real knowledge about electricity generation, energy economics, coal chemistry, oil drilling, solar cycles or the carbon cycle in agriculture. I have been attacked because I have spent my whole life working in mining and farming industries. I do not hide those associations – I am proud of them.

Every person in Australia has a vested interest in this debate. Their freedom, their jobs and their living costs are all threatened by the Ration-N-Tax Scheme and its related taxes and regulations.

- **Insist on honesty in language, and watch for subliminal messages.**

The Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme is an Orwellian deception. It has nothing to do with “pollution reduction”. It is a scheme to monitor, ration and tax the use of carbon fuels (coal, oil and gas), carbonate rocks (cement) and part of the carbon cycle in agriculture. Make the truth clear.

Moreover, hold them to the term “Global Warming” – do not let them squirm out with their new weasel term “Climate Change”. This whole scam has at its base a very specific claim that man-made production of carbon dioxide and methane will cause dangerous and unacceptable global warming. The whole thing rests on this foundation. When it becomes obvious that man does not control world temperature, we destroy that foundation. We must keep people focussed on that shaky foundation. Once we finish undermining it, we must make sure the whole edifice collapses at the same time into a pile of green rubble.

We also need to protest the habit of lazy or biased TV stations who, every time something vaguely related to weather gets a mention, show a picture of a big chimney somewhere belching fumes, and cannot avoid chanting the mantra “climate change”. If the fumes are white, they are probably water vapour. If they are black, they are probably ash or soot particles that can and would be removed by the scrubbers of any modern power station. None of the visible fumes are carbon dioxide – it is a colourless gas. When you breathe out, can you see fumes issuing? What you may see on a cold frosty morning is water vapour condensing into fog, but you will never be able to see the carbon dioxide that comes out with every breath. Do the bubbles from your beer rise visibly in front of your face? Carbon dioxide is never visible in the atmosphere, even on the frostiest morning.

Let's demand the improbable – accuracy and truth from the media.

- **What we are up against – the Greenpeace Money Making Machine**

Here is an extract from a Greenpeace communication to a member who wrote cancelling his membership. It shows what we are up against:

The report demonstrates that by using existing technologies we can make major cuts to Australia's climate-changing carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions. We can also create a vibrant renewable energy industry and begin phasing out the most polluting fossil fuels. The key points made by our Energy Revolution report are:

- **Australia can phase out coal-fired electricity by 2030;**
- **40 per cent of Australia's electricity can easily come from renewable energy by 2020;**
- **we can protect ourselves from skyrocketing fossil fuel prices and keep the cost of producing energy stable by using a variety of renewable energy technologies;**
- **the price of electricity from renewable energy can quickly become competitive with and eventually be cheaper than coal;**
- **up to 57,000 more jobs can be created by 2020 by the renewable energy industry and the implementation of energy efficiency measures**

- **Australia's greenhouse gas emissions can be cut by more than 40 per cent by 2020. This can be achieved by combining the CO2 emission reductions achieved under the Energy Revolution scenario with cuts from other sectors.**

We can do all of this using existing technologies, without making major lifestyle changes and with the same level of GDP as could be expected under a business-as-usual approach. Please do take some time to read this report further.

We also thank you so much for your past support of our campaigns, it really does mean the world. As you know Greenpeace is independent; accepting no funding from government or business which means we exist because people like you care about our environment and future generations. It is for that reason I have listed below some options that you may wish to consider as an alternative to cancelling your support outright. You can:

- 1. Postpone your donations for up to 3 months**
- 2. Reduce the amount of a monthly debit to as little as \$10 per month;**
- 3. Switch to quarterly payments (minimum \$25 per quarter)**
- 4. Change your debit to a \$60 deduction made from your account once per year, in any month that you choose.**

Each of the above options allows you to continue to receive our supporter newsletter, Making Waves. If you would like to take up one of these options, please reply to this email outlining which one you would prefer. Alternatively, give us a call on 1800 815 151 to discuss.

Of course, none of these options may be appropriate for you at this time, and we completely understand that financial support is not always possible. There are other ways you can join us in taking action to tackle environmental problems and promote solutions:

Live Green: Use our green shopping guides and follow our eco-tips at home.

Be an Armchair Activist: Participate in a cyberaction or post blogs from the comfort of your own living room.

Be a Community Activist: Visit your local MP's office or be part of a community event.

Be a Direct Activist: Join the frontline of our non-violent direct actions that are at the heart of our environmental wins.

Volunteer in our offices: Students, professionals and keen seniors all make up our wonderful volunteer team.

Stay informed: Sign up for our monthly e-newsletter.

Fundraise for us: Hold your own fundraising event for Greenpeace or join our team of on-the-street fundraisers.

Remember Greenpeace in your Will: You don't have to be wealthy to influence the future of the planet.

• **Can you Help Spread Carbon Sense?**

We have a growing list of helpers but we need to know if you can/will do more. Our job is to generate ammunition. Your job is to fire it off (or give us more ammunition).

Currently and rather arbitrarily we have divided our mailout lists into groups:

- **Subscribers – this is a very small exclusive group of people who have paid money to ensure the continued production of “Carbon Sense” publications and releases. They get everything.**

- Distributors – these are people who may not have subscribed, but who help by resending our releases to their mail lists, using them for their own letters or releases, or placing them on other web sites. They also get everything.
- Supporters – this is our biggest group by far. These are people who do not fit the above categories, but who have indicated in some way that they support what we are about. We seldom hear from them and hope they are spreading the message. They get more irregular correspondence from us.
- Maybes – these are people who we send stuff to occasionally, but we are not sure whether there are supportive, indifferent, hostile or enemy plants.
- DNS (Do Not Send) – this is a very small group who have sent abusive correspondence, or who have asked that we not send any more info.
- There are a few other secondary categories such as “Editors” who are people who help edit drafts and turn them round quickly and “Researchers” who will surf the net and quickly giving us just the article, quote or illustration we need. We also need cartoonists, limerick writers and people to promote us in places like Facebook and Twitter.

Our goal is to continually encourage people to progress up this list. Don't be concerned if you cannot help financially, nor do jobs - you are still welcome on our lists. So, could we have some feedback please? What category would you like to be in? We would also like to have some idea where you live: country, state, postcode so we can target invitations to functions etc.

Remember, we have just two months to kill any new Ration-N-Tax Schemes from Penny Wong and Malcolm Turnbull. We must not give our frequent flying climate envoy, Kevin Rudd, one single success to crow about on the Copenhagen carbon stage in December 2009.

It is time to make things uncomfortable for many politicians and the Climate Change Industry.

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