

Five Foolish Food Policies.

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Statement by Viv Forbes, Chairman, The Carbon Sense Coalition

The Carbon Sense Coalition today accused western politicians of creating a food crisis with foolish food policies.

The Chairman of “Carbon Sense”, Mr Viv Forbes, said that climate alarmism and green extremism was being used to remove farmland from food production and deny fishermen access to oceans.

“It is no surprise that the world is facing a looming shortage of food and edible oils.

“Every market has two sides – demand and supply.

“On the demand side, increasing population and prosperity, especially in China, Brazil and India, has boosted the demand for food.

“Normally this would increase food prices thus encouraging more production by farmers and fishermen.

“Unfortunately, the western world is afflicted by an epidemic of anti-food legislation.

“Five foolish food policies stand out.

“Firstly, we have a massive diversion of cropland from producing food for humans to producing ethanol and biofuels for cars.

“Secondly, we have destruction of cropping and grazing land by conversion to carbon credit forests.

“Thirdly, there is a gradual suffocation of grazing land by a new politically protected species – woody weeds.

“Fourthly, we have the gradual creation of agricultural and horticultural deserts by the artificial droughts caused by the progressive political squeeze on irrigation water.

“Finally, the closure of large areas of oceans to professional fisherman is slowly destroying our fishing industry. Unbelievably, the biggest island in the world, surrounded by well stocked oceans, imports two thirds of its seafood needs. Fish do need safe breeding refuges, but not the whole Coral Sea. The problem of overfishing is the problem faced and solved a century ago by the open range cattlemen in America – secure and well defined boundaries and property rights.

“If politicians are silly enough to add a carbon tax to the costs of fuels, electricity, cement and transport, even more farmers and fishermen will give up and retire to the beach.

“We are told that all this anti-food legislation will save the environment and cool the climate by a degree or so over the next century.

“However, the real aim is to harvest green votes.

“Starving people will not appreciate this barren harvest.”

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(PS Some boffin is wasting tax dollars measuring the carbon footprints of Norfolk Islanders in order to cool the climate and reduce community obesity. The Five Foolish Food Policies will have no effect on climate, but they may indeed reduce obesity. VRF)

For more on the Madness on the Murray, see:

<http://www.quadrant.org.au/blogs/doomed-planet/2010/11/madness-on-the-murray>

And for how the Green Torpedoes sank the Fishing Fleet, see:

<http://www.quadrant.org.au/magazine/issue/2010/6/the-green-torpedoes-that-sank-the-national-fishing-fleet>

And for why carbon dioxide is of massive assistance in producing more food, see:

<http://www.nipccreport.org/articles/2010/nov/03nov2010a5.html>