

*Will Tony Abbott leave us*  
***Legless and Powerless in the Global Storms?***

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***Climate Alarmism has clearly peaked and is sliding into oblivion.  
Their "science" has collapsed and the public is losing their alarm.  
But all the toxic laws passed during the mania now have to be repealed.  
That is where the danger now lurks - the danger of complacency and the seductive sirens of the vested interests.  
Please pass this on.***

Some at the big end of town are worried that Mr Abbott may keep his solemn promise to repeal the carbon tax. No doubt they and their smart lawyers fear losing the clever green schemes that rely on ripping off tax payers, consumers and other businesses.

Australia's wealth and jobs have always rested on three legs – mining and farming, making and processing things, and rich foreigners; in short, resources, manufacturing, and money from tourists and investors.

The Gillard carbon tax will white-ant all three legs.

Mining and farming rely on draglines, dozers, scrapers, trains, trucks, bulk carriers, tractors, generators, pumps and machines of all kinds. All need cheap reliable energy. Their energy comes from diesel fuel or coal powered electricity. A tax on carbon will sap their energy and reduce their ability to generate jobs and national wealth.

Our processing and manufacturing industries rely on cheap electricity produced from our marvellous deposits of coal and natural gas. Greens have demonised these national assets and their carbon tax will undermine all Australian industries. Investors always look ahead. Already the threat of a carbon tax has reduced the asset value of every base load power station in Australia. Already one of the biggest, running on Victorian brown coal, is reporting financial stress and may close. We cannot run steel works, refineries or big cities on sunbeams and sea breezes.

See: <http://www.theage.com.au/national/carbon-tax-puts-heat-on-loy-yang-20111219-1p2kf.html>

Australia is remote from most of the world, and tourists must travel vast distances to get here. They need planes, trains, ships, buses and cars, all powered by carbon energy from petrol, diesel or gas. The carbon tax will strike at the heart of this industry. Harassed by the carbon footprint harpies, tourists may choose to stay home and go camping in their own backyards.

Finally, Australia is leading the world with the most onerous and widely applied carbon tax. This is already deterring the foreign investors who for generations have risked their savings to create businesses and jobs in Australia. Even now, the threat of a carbon tax is increasing capital shortage and debt stress in Australia.

There is no good news in the carbon tax story – no climate benefits, no real jobs and more costs for consumers. And it is white-anting the three legs supporting the Australian economy.

Unlike the big end of town, thinking Australians are worried that Mr Abbott **may** renege on his solemn promise to repeal the carbon tax.

That would really leave Australia powerless and legless in the global storms.

## ***Saving the Suckers of the South Pacific - withdraw from Kyoto***

Australia and New Zealand should follow Canada and immediately withdraw from the failed Kyoto Protocol.

With Canada deciding to cut and run, no country in the Americas bears Kyoto liabilities. And with the announcement by Japan that it will not renew its membership, there will be no Kyoto bunnies in Asia. It is time for the two lonely suckers in the South Pacific to also withdraw.

Kyoto has achieved nothing useful. Some countries such as Russia achieved fraudulent cuts by retrospectively choosing their base year to take advantage of the plant closures that followed the Soviet collapse. Others evaded real cuts by paying for often phantom cuts in other countries. Australia used larceny to seize carbon credits by banning regrowth clearing on private farmland. New Zealand is sacrificing their forestry industry on the Kyoto altar.

Europe's worship of Kyoto has led them into their current fiscal mess. Believing they are gods who can control the climate by demonising carbon, they have spent a fortune on green energy, carbon trading and international junkets that has exacerbated their deficits and now condemns their industry and consumers to expensive and unreliable energy.

The future for Australia and New Zealand lies around the vibrant Pacific, not in the backwater of Old Europe. We should immediately abandon Kyoto, cease wasting money on the IPCC, abolish all climate change bureaucracies and repeal all carbon tax and trade legislation.

The money saved should be used to develop appropriate infrastructure to cope with the inevitable natural disasters whenever they occur.

### ***First Successful Low Emissions Economy.***

Alexander Downer's portrayal of North Korea lacks perspective ("A bit of a joke lost on long-suffering people", 20/12). North Korea is the first country to move voluntarily and successfully to a low emissions economy.

*William Kininmonth, Kew, Vic.*

*The Australian, December 22, 2011*

### ***Wind Energy Lights Up***

Wind energy has created another fire season in the Northern Hemisphere as the wind blows and the turbines burn.

See: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iCyQD83NLDc&feature=player\\_embedded](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iCyQD83NLDc&feature=player_embedded)

*The Victorian government is planning to bury power lines to reduce bushfire risk. Wind farms pose a far greater bushfire risk than power lines. Maybe we should bury the wind turbines too? That is the best place for them.*

## ***SWindle Power***

Wind energy is a great con:

- Not Clean
- Not Green
- Not Cheap

Each turbine requires large amounts of steel and concrete, plus a spiderweb of roads and transmission lines to connect each turbine to the grid. And because wind energy is so dilute, large areas of countryside are plastered and disfigured by bird-killing whirling sabres. What little power is produced is unreliable, unpredictable and nowhere near the capacity of the turbine. This is an enormous waste of community resources for a lot of environmental damage and no climate benefits.

The only thing ***SWindle Power*** does efficiently is harvest subsidies from taxpayers and electricity consumers.

See: <http://youtu.be/XxfKe6tFI>

## ***Climatism failed in 2011, but the big battles are ahead in 2012***

Peaks and turning points are only obvious to most people in retrospect. Looking back from December 2011 we can see clearly that climate alarmism peaked at the Copenhagen Climate Cockup in late 2009. The nails were driven into the coffin by India, China and others at the more subdued Climate Wake in Durban in late 2011. These sensible countries got settlement on a vacuous statement that agrees to keep holding the Climate Parties for a few more years as long as nothing onerous is actually agreed. Last week Canada put the last shot into the dead horse by announcing its withdrawal from the Kyoto Foolishness.

But the real war in Australia will now intensify, mainly in back rooms as the plotters scheme to keep carbon tax, green energy subsidies and all the climate bureaucracies alive and on the law books.

Their main strategy in Australia will be to keep the carbon tax out of the headlines. They will try to maintain the myth that "the debate is over". Our strategy is "never let people forget".

We will be helped by the gathering scandal in UK about the BBC bias in acting as the megaphone for the climate alarmists and the apparent connivance of the US Department of Energy in hiding data to prevent sceptics from discovering dodgy climate research. The ABC will be watching the exposure of their ideological brothers in the BBC and they and their fellow alarmists may start to give token platforms to sceptical ideas. Non- government media are certainly awake to the extent and cost of the fraud.

# Europe's Green Lobby Fighting For Survival

The European carbon market continues to tumble threatening all sorts of green sacred cows from Emissions Trading schemes, green energy and Carbon Capture and Burial.

See: <http://thegwpf.org/international-news/4607-europes-green-lobby-fighting-for-survival.html>

## White Christmas 2012

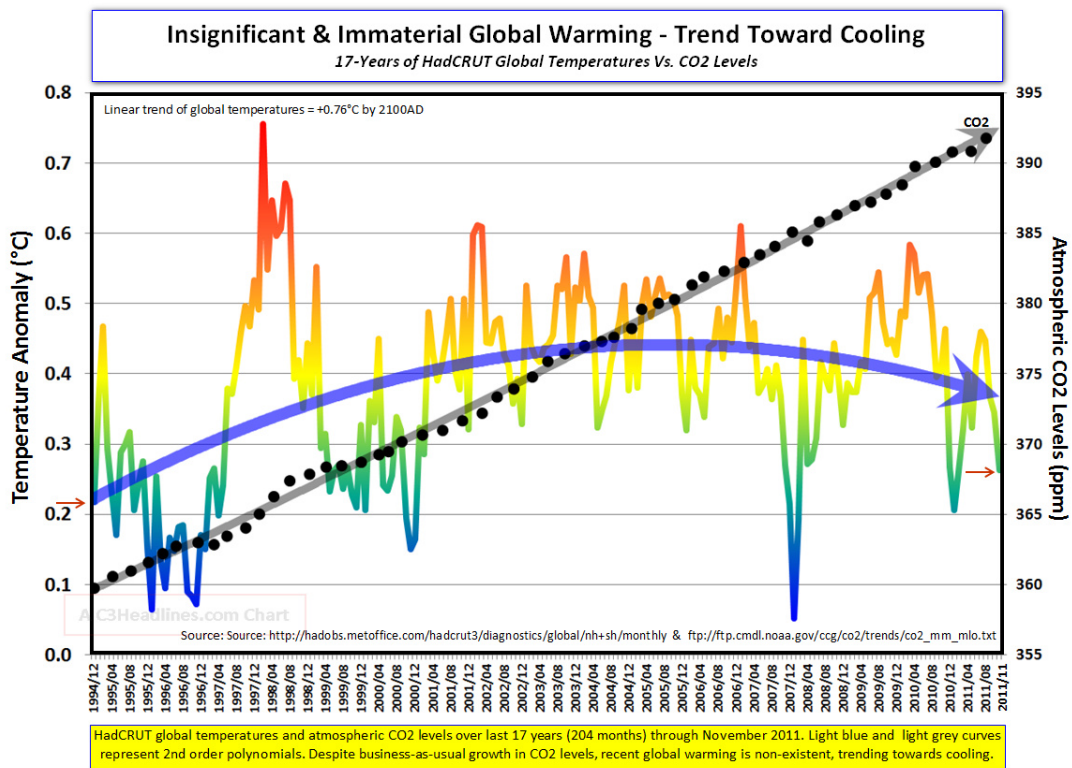
Have a look at this photo of the Northern Hemisphere snow cover. The light grey is snow cover, the white is permanent glacial ice, and the shades of purple to orange and yellow are the sea ice.

In the last Ice Age the northern ice cap covered North America down to the Great Lakes. Look at the snow cover now. Canada and Russia are almost completely frozen, as are Norway and Sweden.

See: <http://arctic.atmos.uiuc.edu/cryosphere/NEWIMAGES/arctic.seaice.color.004.png>

From: Gabriele Steinhauser, The Associated Press Tuesday, 20 December 2011 (thanks to Gordon Fulks).

## Global Temperatures? – Flat for 13 Years



Source: <http://www.c3headlines.com/2011/12/the-gross-incompetence-of-ben-santer-james-hansen-their-non-existent-global-warming.html>

See also: <http://www.drroyspencer.com/latest-global-temperatures/>

# *Have you checked your Carbon Footprint?*

See here: <http://carbon-sense.com/2011/12/26/my-carbon-footprint/>

## *What Really Happened in Durban? What the media are not telling you*

*"We redistribute de facto the world's wealth by climate policy...Basically it's a big mistake to discuss climate policy separately from the major themes of globalization...One has to free oneself from the illusion that international climate policy is environmental policy. This has almost nothing to do with environmental policy anymore."*

*Ottmar Edenhoffer, high level UN-IPCC official.*

Australia's Greg Combet was played for a fool in Durban. He and the Kiwis followed the loony greens now running Old Europe. Their day is past. Old Europe has abandoned rationality and their current leaders care more for their green religion and their dreams of world government than for the welfare of their own people. The failure of their economic and energy policies is on display daily.

The European climate crazies were comprehensively outsmarted by the BASIC Group (Brazil, South Africa, India and China). The Europeans want to continue penalising their people with expensive and unreliable energy. So the Basic Group humoured them by agreeing to let the Europeans keep penalising their people. The Europhiles of the Pacific, Australia and New Zealand, picked the wrong side yet again, and have also chosen to keep penalising their people.

The US, Japan and Russia were bemused bystanders, happy to allow the Europeans to flagellate themselves. Canada kept quiet and dropped their withdrawal bombshell after getting home. Australia postponed the Kyoto costs so far by dispossessing Australian farmers with scrub-clearing bans. That trick will not work twice. When we have to fork over billions of real dollars (the prospect that Canada faced), hopefully sanity or an election will occur.

If anyone has any illusions on what the UN bureaucrats have in store for us they should read the report by Christopher Monckton on their 138 page document detailing how they will govern the world. It includes plans for:

1. A new international climate court
2. Rights for Mother Earth
3. The right to survive (climate change) at our expense.
4. Total disarmament (apart from UN forces no doubt) and the end of war.
5. New dreamtime targets for world temperature, emissions and carbon dioxide content.
6. Historic responsibility ie the west will pay for everything.
7. World government with everyone reporting to the UN bureaucracy.
8. A green climate fund (supplied by us of course).
9. World-wide cap and trade.

10. Technology transfer to be aided by abolition of patents and intellectual property rights.
11. Taxes on shipping and aviation fuels (going to the UN of course).
12. Equitable access to global atmospheric space

In case you think this is all make-believe, have a look at Christopher Monckton's report here:  
[http://nzclimatescience.net/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=806&Itemid=1](http://nzclimatescience.net/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=806&Itemid=1)

## ***The Last Word for 2011***

*Thanks to all those who have sent information, suggestions, compliments, criticisms and Christmas Cards. We get a lift from letters like this:*

*"Thanks again, Viv, for giving voice to all of us out here who are not so enterprising, though still passionate about the reprehensible governmental behaviour over the "climate change" issue."*

*But we also learn from critical comments, learned papers and even from the few abusive ones.*

*Unfortunately, although we look at everything and read most of them, we do not acknowledge or reply to many of them. If we tried to, we would do little else. So please take this as our collective "Thank You".*

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