

*The Carbon Sense Coalition*  
*Annual Report on Activities YE June 2015*

*“The Continuing Battle  
To Combat  
The Mania of Our Times.”*

***History***

The Carbon Sense Coalition was founded eight years ago. Its 8<sup>th</sup> birthday was on 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2015. To see the historical formation documents go to:

<http://carbon-sense.com/wp-content/uploads/2007/06/carbon-coalition.pdf>

Since then we have fought quietly and persistently to expose and debunk the fallacies underlying the Mania of our Times. We have not been diverted to other causes, believing this the biggest and most destructive political folly we have seen in a life-time of watching politicians. And the more we look, the more convinced we are of the cost and stupidity of the whole man-made global warming scam.

We are continually smeared by those bereft of arguments or evidence as being in the pay or direction of big coal or big oil. Unfortunately, no one asked or paid us to start this crusade, and we have never changed our policies as the result of external pressure or inducements. In fact we are concerned to see and hear Australia's big coal companies and their representatives promoting climate policies consistent with alarmist agendas.

***Our Main Focus***

Our main problem is politics and public opinion, not just science. Politicians persevere in their climate/energy stupidities even though the science and the evidence no longer support them. They will only change when voters demand a change. Therefore our main focus is putting all aspects of the climate stupidity into short, simple, interesting and factual articles and spreading them into all media outlets and web sites available to us via letters, opinion pieces, media statements and newsletters. We also make submissions to public enquiries, and appear in person or take interviews when invited.

We do not confine our activities to Australia – this is a world-wide problem requiring world-wide response.

## **Our Activities**

Over the last 12 months we have written 46 letters and short articles each of which went to about 360 media representatives and opinion leaders. We also compiled 14 newsletters each of which went to about 3,500 supporters and 790 news editors all over the world. This totals over 76,000 individual contacts each of whom got a short article on the climate scam.

We aim to get our message spread widely among opinion makers and voters. We welcome any website, newspaper, radio or TV station that will spread our message and we have had successes in all fields (except the Melbourne Age, The Sydney Morning Herald and the Canberra Times, which, I believe have never published a thing we have said.) I believe the ABC also falls into this category of one-eyed media. But even among the green media, someone in there reads our things before shredding them, and some points may take root, lying there in their brain like unexploded bombs.

We even got up at mid-night to take a call from a Texas radio station. It was supposed to be a one-hour interview but turned into 2 hours. For those with 2 hours to spare you can hear it as it was advertised below:



Listen to Interview:

<http://oneradionetwork.com/environment/viv-forbes-defending-the-role-of-carbon-on-earth-the-real-agenda-behind-the-green-elite-august-31-2015/>

Background info from WUWT that prompted the interview:

<http://wattsupwiththat.com/2015/06/24/green-energy-steals-from-the-biosphere/>

At least one person listened and liked it:

Dear Viv,

Have just listened to your nearly 2 hours with Patrick Timpone on One Radio Network ... Amazing, sensible and convincing information, presented in a conversational and non-judgemental tone. I listen to Patrick every day ... his pre-conceived mores were definitely challenged.

The story-telling method of comparing the intensive labour required by mankind only 100 years ago compared to the modern ease of the flick of a switch was BEAUTIFUL!!

The trouble with our Greens (apart from the fact that they truly believe that they're doing mankind a favour, and the fact that they are so wedded to their misguided beliefs), is that they are young, and unable to draw a comparison between past and recent lifestyles .... Unless they had the insight to look at poverty stricken nations

Thanks again - I've listened to it twice .. It's in my top 5 podcasts for what it's worth! Would love you to be interviewed on Australian television. But it's difficult to know which station isn't driven by the coal-hating agenda, or even possibly being funded by the Greens. Maybe The Bolt Report!?!

PS If you're interested (and I would be if I were you!!) - open Patrick Timpone's link below - scroll down to the bottom and click on "download" for the first hour. Then scroll through the podcast at the base of the screen until you reach 35 minutes.

<http://oneradionetwork.com/open-friday-forums/open-phone-friday-september-4-2015/>

I was about to abort listening, when a caller came on line (she's Canadian) ... have a listen to her comments ... I'm desperately hoping MANY people access your podcast ... I thought that I was your most fervent fan ... But I think she wins. It's only about 5 minutes, but I am about to listen to the rest in case other people call in response her conversation with Patrick. I'm curious about how "open" the public is to changing their views after the fear-monger get and brain- washing.

Thanks for all you do ... We need you on mainstream television. The anti-carbon tide is progressing at a frightening rate.

Catherine L

Here are a few other places you can see evidence of our activities:

- Carbon Sense Coalition:  
[www.carbon-sense.com](http://www.carbon-sense.com)
- Watts up with that?  
<http://wattsupwiththat.com/?s=forbes%40carbon-sense>
- Pickering Post:  
<http://pickeringpost.com/blog/viv-forbes/6232>
- Canada Free Press:  
<http://www.canadafreepress.com/index.php/members/1/VivForbes/115>
- American Thinker:  
[http://www.americanthinker.com/viv\\_forbes](http://www.americanthinker.com/viv_forbes)
- The Heartland Institute:  
<http://blog.heartland.org/author/vforbes/>
- Climate Conversation:  
<http://www.climateconversation.wordshine.co.nz/tag/carbon-sense/>
- New Zealand Centre for Political Research:  
<http://breakingviewsnz.blogspot.com.au/search/label/Viv%20Forbes>
- Habitat21:  
<http://www.habitat21.co.uk/energy186.html>
- Web Commentary:  
<http://www.webcommentary.com/php/ShowAuthor.php?id=forbesv>

- The Australian Climate Sceptics:  
<http://thelimatescepticsparty.blogspot.com.au/2014/06/false-alarms-in-frigid-zone.html#uds-search-results>
- Evacuation Grounds:  
<http://evacuationgrounds.blogspot.com.au/#uds-search-results>
- On Line Opinion:  
<http://www.onlineopinion.com.au/author.asp?id=6558>
- Economics.org.au  
<http://economics.org.au/staff/viv-forbes/#g>
- Minnesotans FOR Global Warming:  
<http://m4gw.com/four-reasons-why-400-ppm-co2-is-not-a-problem/>
- News with Views:  
[http://www.newswithviews.com/guest\\_opinion/quest250.htm](http://www.newswithviews.com/guest_opinion/quest250.htm)

In addition we have been published in the Australian Financial Review, The Australian, The Courier Mail, The Jakarta Post, The South China Morning Post, The Washington Times, a couple of UK and US newspapers, as well as in many regional newspapers in Australia.

Even if they are not published, opinion-makers in the media do read our material, and the ideas hang around in their minds. We try to make sure everything we distribute is factual, simply written, interesting and motivating. One by one we are generating open minds or even supporters among media opinion makers.

**Cowboy Logic from Kit Pharo:**  
***“One person with a conviction  
is equal in force  
to 99 who only have opinions.”***

## ***Our Opponents***

We have so many opponents who have so much money and power it is amazing that we sceptics are making headway. So much of the opposition gets government money or money partially funded by taxpayers for so-called “charitable foundations”. And secret help is coming to them from vested interests – Arab oil money and Russian gas money support the anti-shale-gas campaign in Europe, and are happy with the war on coal. Big oil/gas quietly encourages the war on coal. And gas will benefit hugely from the construction of wind/solar energy facilities – they will provide the flexible back-up and eventually will be paid to sit idle until the wind drops. Nuclear power seems to keep its head down but they must be happy to see a war on coal and gas. And Big Coal seems too stupid to defend itself with sound science and evidence-based arguments; and they continue wasting shareholder money on nonsense like carbon capture and burial.

Then we have the big legions on the government payrolls in the ABC/BBC, Universities, the public service, CSIRO and BOM. Have a look here to see what we are up against:

<http://www.thefifthstate.com.au/archives/64423/>

## ***Our Team***

The bulk of our work is the result of the support of about 20 key people. Judy and I maintain the office, produce all the reports, sift the mountain of correspondence, maintain the mail lists, pay bills and organise the distribution. Bob Long is our web master and computer whiz – he fixes everything on the web site and answers questions at all hours (well most hours) and gets paid sometimes. We have six unpaid volunteers who edit things at short notice; a supporter who supplies and maintains our printer; another volunteer who is trying to educate us on increasing our presence on social media; Steve Hunter “our” cartoonist who gets paid sometimes; and a handful of private individuals who supply the bulk of our modest funds. We get no funds from any government source, and no special tax concessions. And despite the slander that we are in the pay of Big Coal, we have never received a cent from any company producing coal, oil, gas or uranium (but we hope that changes!). What we get does not cover our real costs.

We could probably keep going in this fashion indefinitely. However, I have never subscribed to the philosophy of political altruism. Because of time spent on this campaign, we find we have to pay for casual farm help, as well as increased phone bills, computing and internet bills, and increasingly we are asked to pay for media access etc. We also support and attend selected functions. I am happy to put in effort, but I think any worthwhile cause should pay its way.

There is undoubtedly a need for what we do and only a small handful of individuals in Australia are doing it. Our industry associations are largely useless in this fight. Every day brings evidence of the green mania surrounding us.

We are opposed by several NGO and government-paid bodies with multi-millions in income and assistance from taxpayers by way of tax exemptions and direct government grants.

We will get very little help from traditional media. The UK BBC was exposed giving instructions that climate sceptics should not be given air time no matter how credentialed or well informed they are. The ABC probably runs the same policy, unofficially. To read how the BBC has exposed its soft green underbelly see:

<http://us4.campaign-archive1.com/?u=c920274f2a364603849bbb505&id=703243d212&e=e1638e04a2>

And here is the chief alarmist in Australia, who has at least \$1M at his disposal, and wants more:

[Watch this video](#)

This is only our second appeal for support in eight years. We hope you find our aims or our efforts worth supporting in some way, either in production, distribution or financing our activities.

## ***We get Feedback.***

Here are some feedbacks we have received this year:

This is a very important article Viv. Re-reading it 2nd, third time, is a real pleasure.  
It is comforting to know gents like you care to research and inform,  
then relay, explaining how opportunity for flow was unreasonably distorted, and obstructed.  
Thank you again Mr Forbes. You deliver fine legacy with good intent for many.

God Bless You, Viv, for another fine fulmination!  
Bob C.

Thank-you, Viv. This is excellent. I know you want to send it out elsewhere, so I posted it immediately as a blog.

You have done a wonderful job pulling together an overview. Congratulations!  
Thomas

Viv: Just a word to say I posted a link to your commentary at Climate Change Dispatch on my Facebook page. It is the BEST such commentary on this subject I have ever read to date. You're doing fantastic work.  
Cheers, Alan Caruba  
(unfortunately Alan Caruba died suddenly recently. We miss his regular sensible commentary)

Viv I suspect there is no elimination list but you have done so well that there are thousands of passionate disciples of AGW casting spells to do you evil. Have you had a spate of boils yet?  
Ken P

**From:** Derek Mc  
**Sent:** Thursday, 30 April 2015  
**To:** 'Viv Forbes'  
**Subject:** RE: Green Energy Policy? Nothing that Works

I have read it three times with joy at such exposure by you.

Viv A brilliant piece. I love the phrase "Green Energy Policy: Nothing that Works!" That is exactly the truth. **Allen H**

Thanks Viv,  
You are a tireless fighter.  
Best wishes,  
Alwyn

Your ability to research, compile and edit these regular bulletins, Viv, are a constant source of amazement to me. You are to be commended for the many, many man hours that you devote to furthering our education and the never-ending battle with the radical activists. Keith

Please add my email to the subscription list. And thanks for all you do in the name of science & truth  
Christy H

Hi Viv, It's a pity not everyone reads The Australian because if everyone were to read your very persuasive letter there'd be no warmists left – excellent!

Case S

Viv These are not good times. You write really well in this piece. I do admire the way you keep at it. Thanks Jeremy B

Thank you for another excellent newsletter. The chances are that Malcolm Turnbull will be the Leader who will take the party to the next election. I hope you are starting to address that possibility. Regards,.....Eriks V

Hi Viv, Love the cartoon and your usual insightful comments. Best wishes Alan

Viv – great to have your direct and perceptive commentary. Thanks. Hugh M

Dear Viv Forbes and Volunteers, Thank you for your most recent essay. It is excellent (as usual). I'll certainly forward it to others. Moira E

Happy 2015 Viv.....Your excellent letter letter was published in today's South China Morning Post Robert

Viv, I liked your letter in the Fairfax Media. Most unusual for them to print comments of this nature. Dick W

Hi Viv, I really enjoyed your talk at the Brisbane Club last month. A very enlightening and refreshingly honest overview of the carbon debate. Looking forward to receiving the Carbon-Sense newsletters and keeping in touch. Kind regards and many thanks, Andrew B

Naturally we also get some abusive feedback, often from the media:

**From:** Patrick W[<mailto:XXXXX@news.com.au>]

**Sent:** Wednesday, 21 January 2015 11:03 AM

**To:** Viv Forbes

**Subject:** Re: Green Energy Powered our Past, but cannot Provide for our Future

*Unsubscribe. Please don't send this rubbish. i get my information on climate Change from people who are qualified in climate science.*

Please stop sending me your unscientific crap (to quote Tony Abbott).

John R

XXXXX Editor

## ***How Can You Help?***

First we appreciate feedback. Do you support what we do? How can we make our efforts more effective for you? Can you help in the social media circuit or defend us on web sites or letters columns?

And lots of intelligent queries which take time to answer. We read everything that comes in but I am sure you will understand if we cannot promise prompt or detailed answers to everything we get.

We have an unlimited need for people who will spread our material around. We need people who can search out **uncommitted** people who wish to learn about us or support us – it is a waste of time just sending things every month to the Greens – they will not change. We need to go around them and slowly increase the number of people who will speak or vote against them.

In the production area we always need good editors who can respond quickly to short jobs. Or people who can research topics. Are you a good editor with some spare time?

Finally we absolutely rely on our financial supporters, so if you can help there it will be most appreciated. No amount is too small and we have never been embarrassed by a donation that was too large.

We do not pose as a charity. We operate all subscriptions via an ordinary tax-paying private company, Carbon Sense Pty Ltd, whose sole business is maintaining our data base, equipment and web site, supporting other worthwhile activities, and providing research and reports on energy, carbon and climate. You can post a cheque or do an electronic transfer using the details below. (We appreciate those who add GST to their subscription.)

And be assured, we are aware that we have many supporters who just cannot contribute financially. We welcome your support in other ways – do NOT feel guilty. We will keep you on our mail lists until you request otherwise. We also need people who can spread our ideas around, or help in other ways.

Yours sincerely

*Viv*

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*PS Re Vested Interests: Those unable to combat our presentations with science, Logic or evidence often try to win the argument by slander - "Oh he is just another Big Coal vested interest."*

*In fact the associations that are paid to represent Big Coal do not support us in arguments or financially, and I am not associated with or supported by any of them. And as for my involvement as non-executive director and small shareholder in Stanmore Coal, we formed the Carbon Sense Coalition BEFORE Stanmore Coal even existed.*