

1. Taxing Animal Emissions

For all of its history, the backbone industries of Australia have been agriculture and mining. The Lucky Country always seems to have one buoyant primary industry, and we all feed off it. Today it is coal, gas and metals. Tomorrow it will be food. Yesterday it was wool, gold, butter and beef.

However the Global Warming alarmists have their sights set on all primary industries. Carbon taxes will kill jobs and profits and push up the cost of everything - food, fibre, energy, housing, electricity and transport prices will rise. Some of those using Global Warming scares to achieve different agendas would go much further than a simple carbon tax. Senator Bartlett has already called for a "No Meat Day". Some extremists will not be happy until all cows and sheep are eliminated, and we eat organic onions and bio-dynamic beans by the light of a candle (don't tell them that candles emit CO₂, and beans increase flatulence).

The silence of most farmers and farm groups in the face of these imminent threats is amazing. Some have been fooled into thinking they will somehow benefit by claiming carbon credits for increased soil humus. Others look forward to selling their land for carbon credit forestry. Both will prove to be high risk mirages, but the carbon tax will be real.

We aim to get this release into the hands of every farmer, every director of a farm group, every rural politician, every rural newspaper and many consumers and their representatives. We need your help. Please circulate this email as far as you can. Don't worry if we overlap. Challenge them all to protest this unjustified tax on our livestock, our food and our livelihood.

**Just because you do not take an interest in politics doesn't mean politics won't take an interest in you!
Pericles (430 B.C.)**

“All cows are green”

The Carbon Sense Coalition today called on all farmers and those who eat farm products to raise their voices in opposition to the silly proposals of Australian and New Zealand governments to include emissions and motions from farm animals as a taxable carbon emission.

The chairman of Carbon Sense, Mr Viv Forbes, claimed that New Zealand has already agreed to include farm animal emissions in their taxable emissions output and Prof Garnaut is also thinking of driving Australian farmers to the Kyoto bail for a similar milching.

“We smart farmers in the South Pacific must have the longest cows in the world – they feed on farms in Queensland and Queenstown and are about to be milked in Canberra and Wellington.

Forbes, who is an animal breeder, pasture manager and soil scientist, said he could not believe the lack of noise from farm groups and consumers on this matter.

“Any farmer would know that no cow, sheep, pig or goat has yet managed to create carbon out of nothing. Nor do they eat fossil fuel. Every bit of carbon sequestered in meat, bones, wool and milk, or expelled in solid, liquid or gaseous animal waste, was extracted from the air by the pastures and grain crops the animals ate. Pastures, crops and soil fungi live on carbon dioxide, the universal plant food from the atmosphere, and water and minerals from the soil. Ultimately, all carbon in the food chain comes from the air (apart from some artificial “foods” made from coal or petroleum derivatives, and very minor soil humus derived from oxidised coal or oil shale).

“This carbon extraction process starts the day the animal is conceived and ceases on the day it dies. This is the carbon food cycle we all live by.

“In fact all farm animals should get a carbon credit, because they sequester part of the carbon extracted from the air in bones, meat, milk and wool. Much of this carbon then gets transferred to the bones and flesh of the growing human population, and eventually gets sequestered in sewerage (often, unfortunately, on the sea floor), bones in the coffins, and soil in the cemeteries. This is a proven process which provides more secure and far cheaper carbon sequestration than some of the billion dollar schemes being investigated.

“In this respect grazing animals are just like trees; both sequester CO₂ for their lifetimes, sometimes much longer.

“Of course other parts of the food chain generate net carbon emissions for agricultural machines, processing, chemicals and transport. Each of these activities would attract its own carbon tax. None are essential elements in the raising of domestic animals – the essentials are soil, water, grass and the atmospheric gases, especially oxygen and carbon dioxide.

“No matter how you do the sums, farm animals cause a net removal of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere. Thus they should get a carbon credit, certainly not a carbon tax.

“We all know the moon is made of green cheese. It is time to educate politicians that **“All cows are also green”**.”

<http://carbon-sense.com/wp-content/uploads/2008/04/the-green-cow.pdf>,

2. Carbon Tax on Babies Next?

Some of them do not intend to stop at taxing cows and sheep. If you think that's just my wild imagination, see this from the Medical Journal of Australia Web site:

http://www.mja.com.au/public/issues/187_11_031207/wal10921_fm.html

"Every new-born baby in Australia represents a potent source of greenhouse gas emissions for an average of 80 years, not simply by breathing, but by the profligate consumption of resources typical of our society."

"Far from showering financial booty on new mothers and thereby rewarding greenhouse-unfriendly behaviour, a "Baby Levy" in the form of a carbon tax should apply, in line with the "polluter pays" principle. Every family choosing to have more than a defined number of children (Sustainable Population Australia suggests a maximum of two) should be charged a carbon tax that would fund the planting of enough trees to offset the carbon cost generated by a new human being."

"This infers a levy per child of at least \$5000 at birth (to purchase the land needed and plant trees) and an annual tax of \$400-\$800 thereafter for the life of the child (for maintenance of the afforestation project) (based on 1990 figures, and probably much more now). [2007]"

Barry N J Walters, Clinical Associate Professor of Obstetric Medicine, Department of Women's and Infants' Health, University of Western Australia, King Edward Memorial Hospital, Perth, WA.

3. "Lights Out" - a sign of the times.

The "Lights Out" campaign was a big flop, apart from the CBD's and a few yuppie parties such as hosted by Richard Branson.

"Carbon Sense" saw it as an omen of dark times to come. This view was supported by the following note received on Monday 31st March 2008, the day after "Lights Out" from a South African associate, Will Alexander. Will is a respected water engineer and Professor Emeritus of the Department of Civil and Biosystems Engineering of the University of Pretoria. (His studies of rainfall patterns also demolishes any dominant role for man-made CO₂ in climate cycles. (*Journal of the South African Institution of Civil Engineering, Vol 49 No 2, June 2007, Pages 32-44, Paper 659*).

Here is a direct quote from Will in Pretoria, on the future facing all of us unless we wake up:

"The planned electricity blackouts also start on Monday. In our suburb the power will be switched off from 10.00 to 12.30 on alternate days of the week excluding Sundays. In addition, Eskom is urging all of us to make personal sacrifices such as switching off our geysers during daylight hours and hanging up our clothes to dry instead of using clothes driers. Cosatu has threatened to have nation-wide strikes because of the job losses. The Governor of the Reserve Bank has expressed his concern about the effect that the proposed 60% increase in electricity tariff on top of the load shedding will have on our national economy.

"Looking on the brighter side all that is missing is the air raid sirens and Vera Lynn singing "We'll meet again" on the battery operated radio set."

For the full "Lights Out" statement see: <http://carbon-sense.com/2008/03/28/lights-out-a-sign-of-the-times/>

4. The Solar Climate Driver and a Forecast of Cooler Times.

World Net Daily reported recently:

"You could have heard a pin drop at the Hong Kong conference designed to persuade the airline industry to cut back on its production of so-called greenhouse gases to fight "global warming."

The "Greener Skies 2008" conference had just heard from David Archibald, a solar scientist asserting that climate change is mostly dictated by solar cycles, not carbon dioxide levels, as conventional wisdom suggests.

Archibald didn't just tell the group not to worry about carbon dioxide emissions. He told those gathered they should figure out ways of increasing CO₂ output.

"In a few short years, we will have a reversal of the warming of the 20th century," Archibald warned, according to CargoNews Asia. "There will be significant cooling very soon. Our generation has known a warm, giving sun, but the new generation will suffer a sun that is less giving, and the earth will be less fruitful. Carbon dioxide is not even a little bit bad – it's wholly beneficial."

One observer at the February conference said there would have been fewer jaws dropping had Archibald stripped off his clothes before the assembled group.

Full report: <http://carbon-sense.com/2008/04/06/the-solar-climate-driver-and-a-forecast-of-cooler-times/>

5. The State of the Global Warming Debate

Since the New York International Conference in early March 2008, there has been a noticeable change in the scientific debate. The tide has turned, and everywhere outside the IPCC, the governments and the vested interests, the Sceptics are gaining in the scientific debate.

However, the Alarmists are winning in the PR and political debate. They are far better organised in the media and politics, and few politicians or journalists dare to speak out against them.

We have learned during this campaign that many good people do not understand the science, do not understand the crucial and beneficial role played by CO₂ in the life cycle, but they do have two big concerns.

Firstly, they fear overpopulation, and believe that man is having a negative impact on his environment.

Secondly, and related to the first point, they are concerned about pollution of air and water, and destruction of the natural environment.

So they are prepared to go along with silly de-carbonisation measures because they think may curb pollution and consumption.

We need to recognise these genuine concerns about pollution and man's impact, but stress that they have nothing to do with the claim that carbon dioxide is a pollutant causing dangerous global warming.

Carbon taxes and Emission Trading will increase poverty. It is only prosperous people who can afford the luxury of protecting the natural environment. Poor people destroy everything in their quest to survive. Rich people have fewer babies and join conservation groups. Carbon taxes will be more destructive of the natural environment.

6. Prodos Interview with Viv Forbes now on Line: <http://prodos.solidvox.com/?p=30>

7. New Book on "The Deniers

"The Deniers: The World Renowned Scientists Who Stood Up Against Global Warming Hysteria, Political Persecution, and Fraud, And those who are too fearful to do so" - a new book by Lawrence Solomon who wrote a series of articles in Canada's NATIONAL POST about eminent "deniers" of Climate Alarmism and then discovered there were so many such individuals that he had to write a book to document them all.

The AMAZON.COM Editorial Review speaks for itself: **Is The "Scientific Consensus" on Global Warming a Myth?**

Yes, says internationally renowned environmentalist author Lawrence Solomon who highlights the brave scientists - all leaders in their fields - who dispute the conventional wisdom of climate change alarmists (despite the threat to their careers). Al Gore and his media allies claim the only scientists who dispute the alarmist view on global warming are corrupt crackpots and "deniers", comparable to neo-Nazis who deny the Holocaust. Solomon calmly and methodically debunks Gore's outrageous charges, showing in one 'headline' case after another that the scientists who dispute Gore's doomsday scenarios have far **more** credibility than those who support Gore's theories. These men who expose Gore's claims as absurd hold top positions at the most prestigious scientific institutes in the world. Their work is cited and acclaimed throughout the scientific community. No wonder Gore and his allies want to pretend they don't exist.

This is the one book that PROVES the science is NOT settled. The scientists profiled are too eminent and their research too devastating to allow simplistic views of global warming - like Al Gore's - to survive.

8. "Carbon Dioxide is the Culprit", a special report by our science writer, Ron Kitching.

A spokesman for the IPCC, Dr. Harry Dicus has stated that the recent overheating of the stock market is the result of too much carbon dioxide in the atmosphere.

Dr Harry stated, "Our leading climatologists have indicated that the recent stock market crash is the result of an overheated market, brought on by Climate Change.

"People are breathing too much carbon dioxide which results in humans developing irrational behaviour. It is a well known fact that beer drinkers, for instance, suffer from irrational behaviour as a result of breathing in too much carbon dioxide from the froth off their beer".

In the "Independent" Review of the dangers of beer froth, Commissioned by PM Rudd and State Premiers, Dr. Ima Payne, a spokesman for Professor Ross Garnaut, has stated that for the 21st Century and beyond, it looks like beer is out and wine and spirits are in.

9. "Emissions Trading" - the new Bubble Economy

See a report and make comments at:

<http://www.agmates.com/blog/2008/03/26/farmers-claim-emissions-trading-will-be-new-bubble-economy/>

10. The IPCC - "On the Run at Last".

See report by Professor Bob Carter: <http://www.nzcpr.com/guest92.htm>

11. Finally, Who Funds the Carbon Sense Coalition?

Almost no one it seems.

See: <http://carbon-sense.com/2008/04/02/who-funds-the-carbon-sense-coalition/>

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