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I think ratification is a very good idea economically because it will lead to preservation of existing forest under the "green credit bank" system, and also greater input into the growth of new forests and plantations to enable increased carbon crediting.

I don't think there's any reliable person who honestly believes the period of global warming we are experiencing is not a function of the Industrial revolution.

Industry must come to terms with this, and factor long term climactic health into their profit margins.

We need to realise that we do not know the actual functions of climactic change ...the effects of ocean warming and the long term trends we see could lead to a "melt-down" similar to the 400ft rise we saw at the end of the last ice age. This would obviously be catastrophic for Australia. It has been a shallow sea before...it can be again.Its too late when thawing reaches critical mass. When costings are being discussed perhaps the increased cost of aberrant weather patterns can be factored in.Their world wide effects on property and primary industry will make a more realistic figure on the credit side for the prevention of global warming thru' decreased greenhouse emissions.

It would be good too if increased money and subsidies was made available for those industries or individuals interested in renewable energy...and furthermore some searching of the patents' office for those inventions which have been regarded as been not cost effective when the era of unlimited fossil fuel useage was rampnat could perhpas be resurrected!Theyr'e all there you know...if you want to look for them!

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