

To Mr. Kelvin Thomson
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Dear Mr. Thomson,

I saw your letter in the Moonee Valley Leader of 14 July 2008. - Have your say.

There is no doubt that we have a very serious problem with the warming of the earth's atmosphere. It is rapid and is due to the activities of people on our planet. It is in my view a significantly bigger problem than I have read or heard about from any source. It is so bad that it presages a total collapse of our world population and civilization within the space of three decades at the most. Indeed I think that an extrapolation of the growing build up of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere could - will lead to climatic conditions world wide that will make life extremely difficult in just ten years from now. Another twenty years will lead to near total collapse of the world's biological system.

Given the selfishness of individuals & national governments, to deal with the problem will be difficult. It needs a global agreement, an over-arching authority to ensure regulations on all, to protect us all.

We need to be fairly certain that what we do will be beneficial. To study the problem, but not for so long, that this leads to no action. Basically we know the major causes of global warming. The time to act is now and hope it is not too late.

As people have caused the problem we need

1) Fewer people in the world.

As the rich consume most we need to

2) Cut consumption for everyone to save resources

We are running out of resources. We take discrete substances out of or from the surface of the world. Mix them up and create poisons to be disposed in land fill or the oceans.

We are depleting so much of our mineral and biological resources.

The burning of fuels that release CO2 and other gasses is a problem. But so is destruction of the soil, which its self releases huge amounts of CO2 and leaves less fertile soil for use in the future. Permaculture preserved the soil far more efficiently than we do with our modern methods. It produced about twice the energy that it consumed. Our modern agriculture destroys and gives an appalling low rate of return. The Guardian Weekly 11th July '08 pp 36-37 gives four barrels of oil equivalent per year to feed one resident of the U.S.A. Other ~~the~~ societies are not so profligate with energy, but the situation remains; we are essentially destroyers not producers. That our modern economy is destructive has been known for decades.

There are still those who for reasons of their own deny that there is any such thing as global

warming. See page 14 in the Business Day section of
The Age 16 July 2005

John Tyndall in 1861 demonstrated that
extra CO₂ in the atmosphere caused warming
[Holmes & Rother Principles of Physical Geology New
Edition 1965 pg 465, Pub Thomas Nelson & Sons
London V 1] [FLANNERY Tim The Weather-Makers
2005 Text Publishing, Melbourne ³⁸⁻pg 40 refers to work of
the same type done by Svante Arrhenius late in the
19th Century. And also the speculative work of
Jean Baptiste Fourier at the start of the 18th Century.

So we must act. It huge task. At least I
believe parliamentarians are more intelligent,
honest and somewhat less selfish than the average
person. Please keep buying. What Australia can
do will have but a small impact. But it could
be a "light on the hill". If all nations try we
could yet save the world. I am not hopeful,
but any small gain made will be for the good.

Sincerely



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P. S. Thanks Kelvin for your photo copies on
your speeches on water - rivers in Australia -
informative. Thanks for doing your bit in parliament.