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The Secretary
Joint Standing Committee on Treaties
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Sir,

I write to you in regard to your inquiry into the Kyoto Protocol.

Commencing this letter I will point out that no government in the world has the right to change the face of the earth, not even for any religion, national growth, world order, an action of the wife or boyfriend, a promise to an influential supporter, or even for short-term political objectives that have no long-term reasoning or world life interest to the next generation.

There is virtually nothing that modern civilisation proposes that will not have adverse effects on world quality of life in the long-term as they are wrought with tunnel vision and personal objectives and 15 minutes of fame.

This assessment has overtones of hidden agendas and return of favours. I remind that governments have erred before to catastrophic proportions and this agenda rings of the same tune.

My name is Brian Carter. I have been an organic gardener and environmentalist for 35 years. I have worked in parks management and landscaping for local government for 44 years. I have always been able to communicate with all levels of political and religious bias to allow myself to gain other points of view and find holes in my own or strengthen my resolve.

I have observed so much ignorance and stupidity, bordering on insanity, generally driven by greed, power and careless political promises.

I offer to you some of the current and past careless and destructive examples where governments have acted too slowly for personal, short-term, greedy reasons, to now and forever impose great burdens on our children and their children beyond.

We know the value of trees and the value of the health of the sea for the maintenance and replenishment of the air we breath and the food we eat and yet we allow with little fuss 300,000 square kilometres of forest to be cleared by greedy land owners who are less than 5% of the population of Australia, who should be rehabilitating degraded farmland instead. Then we insist that we partake in the carbon credit scheme (which has merit) and float the idea of a carbon tax for all Australians which is also a good idea, but only subsidises the insanity and greed of those removing remnant tracts of natural forests. There are clearly high levels of hypocrisy and stupidity here, a scenario that leaves thinking people perplexed, which indicates to me that politicians rely on ignorance and treat the rest of Australians as fools. Hence your reputation in the community. Governments are too short-term with long-term issues.

Governments have a history of stupid environmental land management mistakes. All were condoned for many frightened reasons until it was to a level of catastrophe that would take a century or more to turn around if at all.

Herbicide sprays on farm properties and fungicide and pesticide use in the past is to the point of total disaster. Many millions of hectares of land in Australia are not fit for food production because of high levels of unacceptable toxins in the past 100 years or more required for these high levels of contamination to abate if at all.

Appalling management of rivers and stream (irrigation) with short-term outcomes as areas like the Murray/Darling basin are on the verge of becoming redundant, other than salt production. Pragmatic observers and some scientists have predicted this scenario for 40 years but were ignored for most of that period.

Your assessment scenario rings bells of past political agendas without any real thought for long-term reality.

Continued bulldozing of trees and bush for any reason without any thought for required carbon sink considerations, rising water tables, habitat, salt levels, water contamination, preservation of plant gene pools, human and animal respiratory issues that may find all family members effected and one in each family dying of the same.

The serious development of municipal carbon sink provinces.

The maintenance of Australia's living heritage such as flora and fauna. We know how historically our civilisation decimated our Aboriginal communities for superficial reasons with a one-way "understanding" agenda. Many municipalities in Australia have no local province plants and animals/creatures left at all or less than 5%.

Is it the purpose of Australian governments to destroy our own identity and replace it totally with an image manufactured by the process of time, greedy landowners and 15 minutes of fame.

Governments will be judged in our time and their place in history. Politicians, the greedy and their descendants will be held accountable in the not too distant future. I will see to that.

Accountability.

Those who care, so that justice will be done, are recording all those current land clearers who degrade the Australian character for greed and personal gain. A proverb of mine – "Time takes care of everything, even money if given enough time – Time catches up to false prophets, the greedy, the purposely ignorant and those of false promises".

Many of us wish this civilisation to be accountable and revered by the 2025 generation. This may not appeal to short-term prophecies and the loud and greedy, but we/I will see that those who fill their 15 minutes of fame with images of self only will be placed on trial. Patience rides with the big picture and an earth agenda.

The destruction of trees in Queensland by the thousands of acres is obnoxious. Just proving that human life on this earth when represented only by manufactured self-interest groups maintaining a more than adequate lifestyle are the insane of the world, the rest of us just get on with our lives.

Pragmatism science and common sense belies anything but caution. It is no good waiting for all to be gone to be sorry for the loss of their worth. John Howard says that we cannot be responsible for the mistakes of past history and yet his government creates its own mistakes through historic blindness and will be accountable to the rest of the world. His own philosophies and agenda are a contradiction of his reflection of the past. All the mistakes of the past were conducted in the name of the greedy minority, not in the best interests of all on earth, human or otherwise.

Humans are dependant on natural resources and a long-term sustainable atmosphere and habitat for all.

Please find enclosed three previous publications of mine, one via Squatter Publications and written by Vern McLaren, one by myself – The Community and Its Air and The Little Green Book.

I have recorded most of the glaring destructively mischievous oversights, sad agendas and destructive behaviour and outcomes of all governments. Do not add this foolish blindness a this point in time while many on earth are conducting a world effort to ensure a healthy makeover or new beginning for our children and grand children. Science has given us much but taken much more away. Questionable agendas are written in page one of the book of "Hell on earth". Being a fatalist is one thing, being found a criminal is another.

I will sue land clearers very soon for the health of the community nearby and beyond.

Accountability – learn the word.

Brian Carter