

Submission to Senate Select Committee on Climate Change

By G Atkins, Secretary, Public Policy Unit

ShadowLands website

<http://margosmaid.blogspot.com/>

The Secretary
Senate Select Committee on Climate Policy
PO Box 6100
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

ShadowLands website
<http://margosmaid.blogspot.com>

Dear Senate Committee on Climate Policy,

A few brief points for your consideration follow.

First of all, Kevin Rudd's rationale for the action you are taking is based on a lie. Mr Rudd told ABC radio in Canberra last year:

"My job as Prime Minister is to look at these scientific facts, look at the economic facts, and then make a balanced judgment for the country's long term future. And then when you look at the science facts and the economic facts on climate change, the fact that temperatures are going up and we're already the world's hottest and driest continent, and we'll become, therefore, likely candidates to be the hardest and earliest hit by climate change..."

But Australia is not the hottest continent. That honour goes to Africa. In fact, Australia is not even the second hottest continent – South America is hotter. The reasons for this are simply that around 75 per cent of the continental land mass of Africa is in the tropics, and around 60 per cent of South America.

Secondly, Australia has more precipitation than Antarctica, but more importantly, ranks second among continents for renewable fresh water per capita.

S, if, as the prominent Scores patron argues, we must act quickly because we are the hottest and driest continent, there is in fact no hurry at all – because we are neither.

Another indication of how well the cerumen-slurper has been briefed is that he repeated the furphy that 4,000 scientists supported the IPCC claims when it is actually only about 60 – (http://mclean.ch/climate/docs/IPCC_numbers.pdf) but that's by the by.

cont...

...2

Old Wax Lips has repeated all of these false claims in several media interviews as his rationale for the exercise you are now carrying out.

Another important point is that the predicted models have morphed from hockey-stick shapes to pear shapes.

In 2005, it was predicted that there would be 50 million climate refugees by 2010. You can still find the details of this on the UNEP website, including a map of where the refugees will come from: <http://maps.grida.no/go/graphic/fifty-million-climate-refugees-by-2010>

This map shows that by the end of this year, huge numbers of refugees are expected from Tuvalu, Fiji, Tonga and Kiribas, for example. However, censuses show that their populations are growing. (Reference: Look it up yourselves - what am I, your mother?)

Of course, you guys must come up with some kind of report which makes it seem like you are doing something about Australia's emissions. But if you actually do cut our emissions, you can cause a great deal of harm.

My suggestion: take a leaf from the Chinese Foreign Minister wannabe himself. Just make up some statistics and blather your way through as best you can.

Make the targets flexible, equivocal, and conditional.

Australians with real jobs that need protecting will thank you for it and, let's face it, the lefties are going to squeal like some boorish oaf yelling at an air hostess no matter what you do.

ends