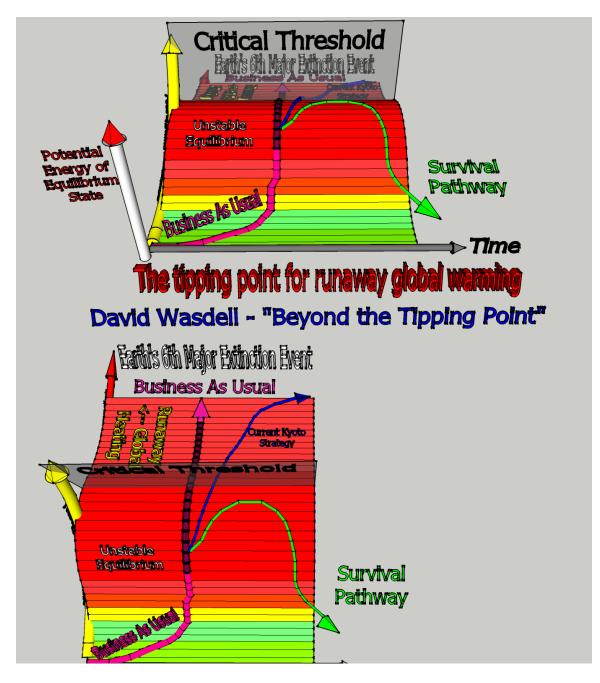


## Senate Submission on Preparedness for Extreme Weather Events

Dear Senators,

Hopefully this submission will help you through what is a pretty complicated and depressing issue. Climate change is the biggest slow motion emergency the human civilization has ever faced and it has the potential to disrupt the other looming one which is over population. It is good to see that governments are starting to sit around tables and starting to talk about something scientists were shuddering about for decades.



There is still hope and we can only do our best. To break the gloom and doom, I produced this elephant cartoon which suggests climate change needs to get on to agendas of tables everywhere. Glad to see more governments are starting to look at it but given the time lag even if we stopped all emissions tomorrow – we may have still cut it fine.

The discussion to go on the back of the elephant on the table tee-shirt is.....

## The "Elephant in the Room" is about to fart !

## How well will you be prepared for climate change?

Scientists have detected the elephant in the room is starting to rumble & looking restless. It is forecast to trumpet from the front end first but we are not exactly sure when? We don't know exactly how much your room temperature is going to rise but it might get pretty uncomfortable!

Is your room well insulated, energy and heat efficient and not resulting in too much pollution of the outside environment? What sorts of decisions are you going to make in your room that will impact on living and future generations of humans, animals and plants? Or is it just all too hard and complicated?

What if it was possible to push through the gloom and the doom of negative trends and start making a difference? The easy first thing for you to do is to join a local community environment of climate group to learn more about the issues and start talking and seeing what many others are doing.

We have special groups forming on what ever you would like to talk about and there are some great local, regional and international groups to interact with.

There is no person, development, career, family, politician, employer, trades person, township, farmer, institution or country that is not going to be affected by climate change.

The question now is about how much effort we need to make and what everyone needs to think and do to act. We also need to convince everyone else in the world to also act.

Come on, push through and take real action before the elephant does! We can't plug this elephant on our own!

The truth is that humans prepared this problem and they also need to prepare the solution. How do you prepare for a potentially runaway problem? Work with your community because there are some really exciting and interesting things to be done.