

SUBMISSION TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT EXTREME WEATHER INQUIRY

From a current draft report that the Congress in the USA has requested on the effects of climate change: "Certain types of weather events have become more frequent and/or intense, including heat waves, heavy downpours, and, in some regions, floods and droughts.

"Sea level is rising, oceans are becoming more acidic, and glaciers and Arctic sea ice are melting. These changes are part of the pattern of global climate change, which is primarily driven by human activity."

The link to this report was found on the Facebook Page of the Mary Robinson Foundation - Climate Justice.

This amazing woman, who has worked on human rights in her home country (Ireland), Africa and around the world with the United Nations, has identified Climate change as a priority, a REAL, HAPPENING NOW global event.

Unlike our own government and old party politicians in Australia who tell us they are leading the world in creating a carbon tax - while STILL supporting, subsidising and giving hand-outs to major carbon emitting companies like coal producers.

The old party's bi-partisan policy to deny climate change, be-little science and FAIL, FAIL, FAIL to drive re-renewable energy use is destroying us, and making life unstable in every way.

From the amazing Mary Robinson, who I heard on ABC Radio National yesterday (15th Jan 13) - to my small story. We live near the Snowy Mts in NSW and are primary producers. We are looking at climate change everyday - unlike the story the popular media would like the rest of Australia to believe - farmers actually see, work with and experience change in weather patterns and more extreme heat NOW.

The Monaro has experienced several fires since Saturday 5th January 2013, the number of fires, resources required and extreme days of heat is very uncommon. On the worst day of these fires so far, there were over 120 fires in NSW ALONE.

The politicians of the old parties in Australia talk big about Copenhagen and leading us (Australians) in tackling climate change? REALLY??? No-one I know believes that.

We are experiencing extreme weather and storms NOW. Our Government has failed in every way to shut down energy production from carbon producing methods. We must do this IMMEDIATELY - and replace it with renewable energy production, or within my children's lifetime we will see a world that they don't recognise. The scientists in the clip below sum up my submission:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4_LBmzMHxSM

Sincerely
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