As a resident of the Blue Mountains since 1997, I have experienced pronounced variations in temperature. I enjoyed snowy cold winters to begin with, then the snow disappeared (until a freak weather event in October which saw heavy snowfall), I have experienced the terror of bushfires and am so very aware of the extreme weather conditions throughout the world. No-one could challenge that the climate is changing, but those who are sceptical of climate change must realise that it's the RATE of change which is so alarming. I urge those sceptics to consider...wouldn't they rather be safe than sorry? What sort of world do they expect to leave to their grandchildren? Please help us be "safe" rather than "sorry". Yes, we will have to pay for it - we've helped make the mess the planet is in, now it's time to pay the consequences. I am an age pensioner and stuggle to make ends meet, but I am not going to whinge if I have to pay more to bring in changes to our society which will help slow down this roller-coaster ride to an uninhabitable planet for so many people. Your sincerely Leonie Lyall