

Dear Senators,

I am writing regarding the current Inquiry into extreme weather events. It is my view as a worm farmer, environmental educator and auditor that it is past time for the Australian Parliament to take a real lead and take head on the climate change deniers who continue their campaign of disinformation regarding the cause of extreme weather events. This campaign, funded by the rich and powerful of the planet who want to preserve their control (see Robert Manne's lecture on the long history of their campaign at http://www.themonthly.com.au/how-vested-interests-defeated-climate-science-robert-manne-5987?fb_action_ids=217684211702236&fb_action_types=og.recommends&fb_source=aggregation&fb_aggregation_id=246965925417366)

is confusing to many in the community who do not want to believe the worst. Well informed people such as parliamentarians must stand up and clearly declare that while all weather cannot be explained simply in terms of anthropogenic climate change the scientific consensus is that it is definitely increasing the frequency of extreme events.

The impact of these events will soon outstrip our capacity to either pay or ameliorate them. Insurance companies globally are predicting 4-5% increases in premium prices next year and this in the midst of a global recession in which most prices are relatively stable (see K.Das on China's declining growth).

The response of the greedy rich is to demand more coal and gas mining! Why not burn it baby! Why not decimate our water supply and food growing areas, after all we must have cheap energy, mustn't we? The entire paradigm is corrupt and ultimately stupid.

If our politicians cannot learn to think a little outside the box then the day will soon come when they have nothing to offer the people. Wake up and smell the roses while there are still some growing.

Yours sincerely,
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