

Dear persons of Senate inquiry into extreme weather,

I am a concerned citizen who wants you to look at the factors that are causing extreme weather. Namely mining and multinationals who bring money into the market place but by their actions rape and pillage our beautiful land that will turn into a moonscape if nothing is done now.

The community as one must inform the government that they cannot be controlled by the mining et. al; huge companies. The government must stop being brought by such companies and truly engage in government for the people by the people.

Only people trying to protect their vested interests or those who find it all too hard could deny that extreme weather is being caused by climate change/global warming.

The average Australian may seem impotent in the face of what the skeptics tout as normal climatic changes. However by being aware of their household/community utensil usage has on the climate is a small way that we can all do something.

More though we as a people must say NO to multinationals and stop letting them ruin our planet.

No-one but no-one has that right.

As a counsellor I see the devastation that extreme weather has on families. Children have to do without basics in a lot of cases because mum & dad find it too hard to compete with the big mining and other multinational companies. It is not right that the children and their families suffer for the sins of the founding-miners.

I do hope party politics can be put aside for this issue that should be apolitical.

Extreme weather is simply a fact of human abuse of our planet.

Thank you.

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