

AUSTRALIAN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY

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EXECUTIVE STATEMENT:

We have one amazing industry in Australia: it is the manufacture of our energy. The energy is manufactured by burning coal and gas. This industry must be expanded enormously. Destroy it at our peril.

INTRODUCTION

I am 80 years old and was born in South Africa. I have also lived in Brazil, USA, and arrived in Australia in 1981. My background is real estate and property development and a major share investor. Twice married and I have three children. A brief background to support my experience.

For the last decade I have been involved in refuting the 'carbon dioxide is a poisonous gas' myth, now morphed into 'carbon', and challenging the global warming vendetta that has morphed into climate change and now a climate emergency. In recent years it has been clear that China controls the world climate, and unless they take action, destroying our economy for a less than 1% effect is mad. I am a financial supporter of the Carbon Sense Coalition – Viv Forbes.

OTHER SUBMISSIONS

I read many of the other excellent submissions. I then went back to them to see if one comment best summarised my feelings. Luther is correct, and I fully concur: *I say Good Luck because I cannot see this happening in my life time.*

Quote from Peter Luther's submission.

To re-establish manufacturing in this country it will take a lot of work and money and a lot of trades people.

You will need to do the following:- 1. Firstly you need someone or something to supply the funds to do all this at low interest rates. 2. Employ the workers, also Tradespeople to build the equipment and maintain it. 3. Resurrect TAFE to train the future Tradespeople to run

and maintain things. 4. Build new factories. 5. Outfit the factories with the plant and equipment.

So on that note I say Good Luck because I cannot see this happening in my life time. All we appear to get from our politicians is political rhetoric with no action and no real interest. Remember that while you procrastinate our current pool of skilled workers is still aging and the skills die with their owners

THE CHINA PRICE

During the last, say twenty years, I have travelled extensively in Africa. Much of the discussion I have relates to the very focus of this investigation: how to establish local industry. You can have the most stimulating and hopeful discussions about creating a product/industry but it all finally comes down to the China Price. How much can you buy this product for in/from China! Well, you know the answer. It is always cheaper, and the source will be more reliable. The only time the product might be cheaper is if it is heavily subsidised or protected. [Refer to Peter Luther' comments in his full submission.] Clearly not 100% of the time China, but it ends up with the product being more economically and reliably sourced offshore. In discussion with locals the words used are literally 'the China Price'.

THE AUSTRALIA PRICE

In Australia we have to build-in all the costs of; 1 ½ time for a Saturday, 2 times for Sunday, holiday loadings, Medicare, NDIS [a monster in the making], Aboriginal support, homosexual issues, transgender issues, carbon taxes [of many indirect kinds and increasing.] and many other noble social costs. Who needs this in your life! Do what local entrepreneurs have done for years and will continue to do, hop on the plane and go get it somewhere else in the world. You come back with a contract in hand for a fixed price and delivery date.

Online international shopping makes the Australia Price even less competitive. Almost a case of 'the Google price' as the China Price above.

ENERGY MANUFACTURE

We have one amazing industry in Australia; it is the manufacture of our energy. The energy is manufactured by burning coal and gas.

Yet as you deliberate about how to create industry, a horrible number of people in the country, and the world, are aggressively doing their best to close it down. ARE WE MAD?

Their success can be measured by the increasing number of solar panels and wind turbines in the country.

The exact share of the market is not material now, but over 70% of the panels and turbines are made in China. You can be sure in ten years' time it will be over 80%! China has a vested interest in countries closing down their coal and gas industries and diverting energy supply to China.

The possibility of manufacturing solar panels and wind turbines in Australia is a fantasy.

CHINA THE AGGRESSOR

I do not believe that anybody disputes that in the last few years China has become a threat to international stability. The benign, would-be free-trading nation is history. The current relationship with Australia specifically proves this. It is likely that our relationship will deteriorate in the years ahead unless we kow-tow to China's policies and economic coercion.

Based on this conclusion, to close down our energy industry and convert to a source of power that is manufactured by a hostile foreign power is total stupidity. This consideration must override all the climate hysteria and renewable energy issues.

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Hot air

Where is the evidence that human emissions are warming the planet?

IAN PLIMER

Climate change has taken place for thousands of millions of years. The extraordinary claim that humans cause climate change must be supported by extraordinary evidence.

It has not been shown that any measured modern climate change is different from past climate changes. In the past, climate has changed due to numerous processes and these are still driving climate change. Past global warmings have not been driven by an increase in atmospheric carbon dioxide (CO₂) and, during the time that humans have been on Earth, there has been no correlation between temperature change and human emissions of carbon dioxide. Without correlation there can be no causation.

The underpinning assumption is that human emissions of CO₂ drive global warming and, in order to arrest the warming trend, human emissions must be cut.

Emissions of CO₂ from human activities such as production of energy, metals and cement; land, air and sea transport; and heating and cooling account for about 3 per cent of total annual emissions. Despite very generous research funding from the public purse, it has yet to be shown that the human emissions of CO₂ actually drive global warming.

If it could be shown that the human emissions of CO₂ drive global warming, then it would also have to be shown that the natural emissions of CO₂, 97 per cent of total annual emissions, do not drive global warming. This has not been done.

Natural emissions are mainly from oceanic degassing and mantle degassing via millions of submarine volcanoes, mid ocean ridge volcanicity and ocean floor fractures, with less voluminous emissions from mantle degassing via terrestrial volcanoes, mountain degassing, fractures, earthquakes and respiration.

In past times, when the earth's atmosphere had hundreds of times the current CO₂ level, there was no runaway greenhouse effect, no irreversible warming and no climate catastrophe. In fact, there were ice ages. The erroneous

assumption that the dominant driving force for global warming is the emission of CO₂ by humans has been made without considering the effects of the sun, tectonics, earth's orbital oscillations, oceanic oscillations or extra-terrestrial radiation.

The oceans remove most of the CO₂ from the atmosphere. What is rarely considered is that CO₂ is plant food, it is rapidly removed from the atmosphere and it has an atmospheric life of about 7 years. Soils and rock weathering also quickly remove CO₂ from the atmosphere. There is an underlying assumption that once humans emit a CO₂ molecule, it stays in the atmosphere for a very long time or even forever. Any CO₂ emitted by humans is part of the carbon cycle that involves recycling of CO₂ through the atmosphere, life, water and rocks.

The human-induced global warming ideology is underpinned by the perception that the planet is static and that dynamic change only occurred once humans started to emit CO₂. Nothing could be further from the truth. The Industrial Revolution in Europe and the USA triggered a great increase in human emissions of CO₂ from the use of fossil fuels. This also led to increased prosperity, health, longevity and the rise of the middle class, many of whom now object to the use of coal.

The planet has been warming over the last 300 years since the Maunder Minimum and it has not been shown that any part of this general warming trend is of human origin. Furthermore, during this general warming trend, there have been both cooling and warming events.

Another Industrial Revolution is taking place in Asia, where fossil fuels are bringing people out of poverty and the rate of emissions of CO₂ from burning fossil fuels has accelerated. However, there is no correlation between the emissions of CO₂ by humans and temperature. In fact, the increased content of CO₂ in the earth's atmosphere has led to the greening of the planet and increased agricultural productivity. If only human emissions of CO₂ drive global warming, then

there should have been no warming and cooling events before the Industrial Revolution. However, pre-Industrial Revolution climate changes were fast and cooling events led to depopulation.

The arguments to support human emissions of CO₂ driving global warming are based on models whereby the principal variable is CO₂. Measurements and observations do not support this hypothesis. Past natural warmings have had a delayed effect on increasing atmospheric CO₂. The exact opposite of the populist catastrophist mantra. If climate models are run backwards, past events of cooling and warming are not seen.

We have now had more than two decades of climate models and these models have not predicted what was measured. Without correlation of CO₂ with temperature over time, there can be no causation, hence there is only one conclusion: human emissions of CO₂ do not drive global warming. This shows that complicated models in a multicomponent chaotic dynamic system are an unreliable and naïve attempt to understand nature.

Models, research and energy policy are underpinned by the fallacious assumption that human emissions of CO₂ drive global warming. Such ideology thrives in a dumbed-down educational environment where there is little knowledge of history and geology. Because it has not been demonstrated that there is a relationship between human emissions of CO₂ and global warming, then climate policy, renewable energy targets, carbon capture, global warming research and alternative energy are unnecessary, delusional and a waste of money. New financial instruments have been created by an army of spongers to steal money from electricity consumers.

Coal-fired Australian electricity used to be the cheapest in the world. Because of the unsubstantiated belief that human emissions of CO₂ drive global warming, Australian electricity is now among the most expensive in the world. Electricity in developing nations such as Ethiopia and Ecuador costs 10 per cent of South Australia, which has intentionally placed itself into sub-third world reliability and costs. Victoria has now joined the suicidal race to the bottom.

Green ideology and frightened politicians detached from reality have led to expensive and unreliable wind energy that is devastating for birds, bats, landscapes and human health. This is not environmentalism. Green ideology is based on false assumptions and unvalidated science and has led to unreliable expensive electricity and environmental devastation. Maybe environmentalism is about total control of people and de-industrialisation, rather than the environment.