## **SUBMISSION**

To The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Science and Innovation inquiry into on the science and application of geosequestration technology in Australia.

- The science underpinning geosequestration technology;
- The potential environmental and economic benefits and risks of such technology;
- The skill base in Australia to advance the science of geosequestration technology;
- Regulatory and approval issues governing geosequestration technology and trials; and
- How to best position Australian industry to capture possible market applications.

My Dear Committee members,

I am the Author of a Website "Greenhouse Bullcrap" which I have maintained for many years. I do not have an academic qualification but I am an Expert on the subject of Global Warming and can quote and reference any statements I make to expert, qualified scientists and media reports. My webpage pops up immediately on "Google" and I estimate has a hit rate in the millions. Grant Lockie

[Address Removed] http://home.austarnet.com.au/yours/Greenhouse\_Bullcrap.htm

I wish to address the above reference "The potential environmental and economic benefits and risks of such technology; of your inquiry.

I challenge your Committee to examine the need for any geosequestration by examining the science. You will discover that we are perfectly justified in waiting for the superstitious disaster to actually occur before spending billions on it.

There has never been a proper review of the science. It is very tempting to you as politicians to accept consensus as an argument but since Global Warming is presented as science, then it must be capable of being overturned a single individual with reasoned theoretical argument and believe me there are a lot of such individuals with all the reasoned theoretical argument you could need against the whole theory.

I have attached an excellent recent document from an Auckland University Professor who proves that the whole Global Warming theory is a farce.<sup>1</sup>

You will note that he points out the infamous Mann "Hockeystick" curve which was relied on by the IPCC in its "Summary for Policymakers" and has been proven a fake. You will also notice <u>The Economist</u> has <u>published</u> a <u>series of letters</u> to the IPCC written by Professor Ian Castles of the National Centre for Development Studies at Australian National University (formerly the head of Australia's national office of statistics) and David Henderson of the Westminster Business School (formerly the chief economist of the <u>Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development</u>). These letters critique the methods the IPCC used to achieve their results, and suggest that the conclusions drawn from the Special Report on Emissions Scenarios (SRES) section of the IPCC reports may be wildly unfounded.

Here are the simple indisputable scientific facts on Carbon Dioxide as a Greenhouse Gas.

Water Vapour is up to 40000 parts per million volume of air - variable - typically 10000. Its molecule has a greenhouse effect many times that of Carbon Dioxide.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> de Freitas, C R, Are observed changes in the concentration of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere really dangerous? Bulletin of Canadian Petroleum Geology (2002), Vol 50, No 2, pp 297-327.

Carbon Dioxide, at a concentration of only 370 parts per million volume is, in effect, not actually a Greenhouse gas at all.

It is not up to "a small minority of skeptics" to prove the theory wrong. It is up to the huge majority of proponents to prove how this teeny weenie, insignificant, ineffective, greenhouse gas in theory only, can have any effect on the Earth's climate at all.

It is of course done with smoke and mirrors – computer models – computer models that have had future conditions estimated and fed into them. It's the equivalent of crystal ball gazing or tarot card reading. The idea is that somehow all the usual stabilizing effects of the Earth's temperature are going to be overridden and a tiny increase in a tiny trace gas is going to magically create massive amounts of water vapour. Unfortunately this is pure conjecture – not one of the computer modelers can cite any science to support let alone prove the conjecture they are relying on.

The scientific papers attached to this document also disprove the assumption that human Carbon dioxide is causing the measured increase of the Gas in the Atmosphere – The Vostok ice cores clearly show that the warming of the Earth causes the gas to increase behind it. The warming Earth causes CO2 – the CO2 does not cause the Warming Earth.

The Earth does appear to be warming at present, and this is still a mystery, however it is nothing special and the sudden huge increase in fossil fuel burning in the later half of the last century does not correspond with the measured increase in temperature at all. Current evidence links the warming to solar activity. If we hadn't already committed so much money to the Global Warming fiasco we may have been now in a position to more accurately predict the planet's climate – for instance why we have drought what causes El Niño's. Global warming and geosequestration are such a tragic waste of money.

Finally,

Carbon dioxide is rich plant fertiliser – the University of Colorado have proven that Greenhouse farmers can dramatically increase their crop yield by going to the expense of burning fossil fuels in Carbon Dioxide generators. <u>http://www.homeharvest.com/carbondioxideenrichment.htm</u> It is such a waste to pump the stuff underground when it is needed so much in our hungry world. If you are forced by political correctness to advocate this ridiculous idea at least site the power stations near waste water treatment farms so the greenhouses can use the otherwise wasted Carbon Dioxide as a fertiliser.

Thank you for considering my submission.