

Council for the National Interest

SUBMISSION

TO **GREENHOUSE GAS GUIDELINE CONSULTATION**
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Preamble

This submission will address the facts about greenhouse gas emissions and will then comment on the four dot points listed in the EPA Consultation Invitation.

Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Greenhouse gases, carbon dioxide (CO₂), water vapour, methane and nitrous oxide are less than 1 per cent of the atmosphere of the Earth. The remaining slightly more than 99 per cent comprises mainly oxygen and nitrogen.

According to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) greenhouse gases control the world's climate and increasing levels of CO₂ cause an ever increasing rise in the Earth's temperature. This conclusion is not supported by the scientific facts.

The IPCC predictions of the Earth's temperature are based, entirely, on modeling and have been proven wrong, repeatedly. This is not surprising when regard is had for the statement by Kevin Trenberth, lead author of IPCC reports ***"None of the models used by the IPCC are initialized to the observed state and none of the climate states in the models correspond, even remotely, to the current observed state"***.(i)

The models, very largely, ignore water vapour which is a significantly more important greenhouse gas. The models also ignore the sun and its sun spot cycles, the warming or cooling effects of which far outweigh any possible effect of greenhouse gases. The IPCC models also ignore convection, evaporation and precipitation of water. Convection and evaporation cool the Earth by day and reverse convection and deposition of water or frost help to reduce night time cooling yet the IPCC models ignore the difference between night and day.(ii)

IPCC models ignore the fact that all gases absorb heat and that includes oxygen and nitrogen which comprise around 99 per cent of the atmosphere of the Earth. These gases are not included in the global warming predictions neither is water vapour.

Rather than focus on the significantly more important factors such as the effects of the sun, the IPCC has focused on CO₂ and reduction of CO₂ levels in the atmosphere is the basis of the Paris Agreement commitments. It is important, therefore, to look at the facts about CO₂.

These facts show, irrefutably, that the World will benefit from increased levels of CO₂ in the atmosphere and that CO₂ does not warm the Earth. This raises the question “Why is the IPCC and, in turn, the UNFCCC pursuing reductions in CO₂ emissions, around the World, as agreed at the December 2015 Paris meeting – the Paris Agreement?”

The answer to this question is that it is not about ‘climate change’ but about redistributing the World’s wealth from rich countries to poorer countries. I quote **IPCC Official, Ottmar Edenhofer**, who in 2010 said “...*one has to free oneself from the illusion that international climate policy is environmental policy. Instead, climate change policy is about how we redistribute de facto, the World’s wealth.*”

This view is supported by Dr Tim Ball in his article “*Environmentalism: Evidence Suggests it Was Always and Only About Achieving World Government*”(ix)

Role of the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA)

The EPA Act 1986 stipulates that the objective of the EPA is to ‘use its best endeavours –a) to protect the environment and –b) to prevent, control and abate pollution and environmental harm’ With no disrespect to the EPA, its stipulated objective is the responsibility of Government not the role of an agency.

Conclusion

Based on the above facts, the four dot points, namely:

- *The information that should be required by the EPA for its Environmental Impact Assessments.*
- *How emissions associated with a proposal should be considered by the EPA?*
- *The constraints on potential emission mitigation conditions the EPA should recognize?*
- *Any other advice related to the assessment of greenhouse gas emissions by the EPA that would further clarify or improve the guidelines.*

about which the EPA is interested in receiving views and information to improve its greenhouse guidelines are not relevant. This is further endorsed by the statement, made by Australia’s Chief Scientist, Dr Alan Finkel to a Senate Committee hearing that “if Australia’s emissions, being 1.3% of global emissions, were eliminated, it would make, virtually, no difference to the temperature of the Earth”.

Recommendation

CNI RECOMMENDS (i) that the Environmental Protection Authority be closed down in a properly fair and orderly way;

(ii) that the functions of the Environmental Protection Authority be taken over by the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation under the direction of the Minister for Environment (currently, Hon Stephen N Dawson MLC)

(iii) that the Minister, consistent with the current ‘green tape/red tape review’ by the Productivity Commission, carry out a detailed review of the functions and stipulated objectives to ensure that these are relevant and the Department has the expertise and protocols to carry out the most professional and efficient, red tape/green tape free, assessment of all projects to achieve sensible and proper protection of the environment balanced against the national interest.

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