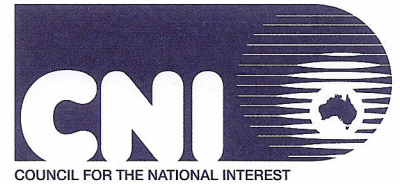


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## AUTUMN NEWSLETTER – March 2015

We offer a sincere apology for our lack of contact with you, our members and supporters, over the past months. A serious logistical problem prevented us from activating our data base. This problem has been solved and secure steps have been put in place to prevent the problem occurring again.

You will be pleased to know, we believe, that notwithstanding our lack of contact, CNI has been active, in a number of ways, during this recent period.

### ***Public Forum – Patrick Moore***

In late 2014, CNI co-sponsored, with the Pastoral and Graziers Association, a public forum on the Climate Change debate and on Genetically Modified Crops. The keynote speaker was Patrick Moore, a Canadian Ecologist and eminent expert in these fields. Patrick Moore was one of the very early members of Greenpeace but left the organization, after many years, when it took a sharp turn to the extreme political left. In a very interesting presentation he demonstrated that long term changes in the earth's temperature are not caused by changes in the level of Carbon Dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) in the atmosphere. There does however seem to be a strong correlation between the earth's temperature and Solar Cycle activity ie less sunspots per cycle equals lower temperatures and more sunspots per cycle equals higher temperatures.

Patrick Moore supported the concept of genetically modified crops particularly where significant benefit can be demonstrated such as with 'golden' rice which can prevent Vitamin A deficiency.

It is interesting that Patrick Moore's expertise and the views outlined in a recent book "About Face! – Why the World Needs More Carbon Dioxide – The Failed Science of Global Warming" A M Hughes, M Khandekar and C Ollier, Two Harbors Press, both confirm the conclusions reached by CNI in "CNI Fact Sheet – Climate Change" which was sent to members and supporters with CNI Newsletter, Summer 2013.

### ***Central Branch Policy Discussion Group***

The members of this group have continued to meet regularly, usually 10.00am first Wednesday of the month. Many wide ranging discussions are held over delightful coffee and cake. These discussions identify issues of national interest which become subjects for lobbying federal politicians and others. An example is the attached letter to Foreign Minister Julie Bishop. There are many other topics such as Food Safety, Fuel and Energy Security etc. You can play a role by participating in the discussion group meetings or sending in your ideas of national interest for discussion. Your participation would be warmly welcomed by the group. Contact Denis Whitely mobile 0430 147 049 or the Office of CNI by mail or email for further information.