

Climate Change Book Launch – Media Release

On March 25 Mannkal Economic Education Foundation hosted an event at which two rational climate change books were launched by Dr Dennis Jensen MP, Federal Member for Tangney. The first book launched was *Thank God for Carbon* by Ray Evans and the second was *Solar Cycle 24* by David Archibald. While it seems that the “politics” of climate change may be settled, there is still much scientific debate over whether climate change is in fact caused by human activities, with the weight of scientific evidence tending to “unfrock” the climate “alarmists”.

Ron Manners, from the Mannkal Foundation, made a few introductory comments and referred to his attendance at the recent Heartland Institute’s “International Conference on Climate Change”. Some 700 “skeptics” assembled in New York City in March for the annual conference which was in its second year. It was a stellar group with some truly interesting and important papers that further illuminated the theme that nature, not human activity, ruled the climate. For further information and proceedings of this conference see:

www.heartland.org/events/NewYork09/proceedings.html

In launching the books, Dr Jensen disputed the widely held perception that humans were causing climate change, saying the popularity of any theory did not give it credibility. “Science not a vote,” he said. “It is about data and evidence. Science does not give a damn about popular votes, and cannot repeal the laws of physics.”

Dr Jensen, a long-time vocal opponent of the Federal Government’s proposed emissions trading scheme, also disputed data presented by proponents of the global warming theory, saying that their projections indicated continuous increases in temperature, while temperatures to date were falling this century. “They are too in love with computer models,” he added. “Ultimately, this is a bet worth hundreds of billions to trillions of dollars. It is flawed science.”

Mr Evans explained that in Europe, such a scheme, known as an Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS), has led to rapidly increasing energy costs and severe political tensions between EU nations and between governments and their peoples. An ETS is a euphemism for a carbon tax, but because in Australia it will be a tax imposed primarily on our energy-intensive industries, it will have particularly adverse consequences for our export industries and our import-competing industries. Many rural and urban enterprises will collapse. Investment in our energy-intensive industries will cease, and within a few years electricity blackouts will become commonplace. Britain is now facing this prospect in the forthcoming northern winter.

Mr Archibald said that if it weren’t for the global warming alarmists trying to foist their voodoo science on the rest of society, then climate science would not have attracted the attention of scientists from outside that field, and we would be sleepwalking into the rather disruptive cooling that is coming.

A number of books were sold on the night and attendees commented that it had been a very informative evening and that they would now be critical of any government plans to reduce carbon emissions.

If you would like a copy of either of these books, please contact Jessica@mannkal.org.