

Global Warming, a Scam?

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The Editor
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Dear Sir

Regarding the article by Graham Readfearn (Light up the new year, but don't mention global warming C/M 30 Dec), in targeting the puny energy consumption of Christmas lights, perhaps your journalist has been blind to the energy involved in the spectacular fireworks put on by Mother Nature with the thunderstorms sweeping across the city - the energy consumed by that lot sure puts human twinkling lights in the shade. The greatest greenhouse gas by far, water vapour, continues to be ignored by members of the sky-is-falling brigade who use worm's eye views of coal-fired power station cooling towers to promote their low-level arguments in vilifying carbon dioxide, a gas friendly to life on Earth.

Can I suggest a flight over those cooling towers at 10,000 metres (miniscule when viewed from that height), and then a trip over the Rabaul volcano at the same level to contemplate the comparison. Emissions from our efficient coal-fired power stations which use scrubbers to remove undesirable gases and particulate matter, are nothing compared to those from natural events. Developing nations certainly have to clean up their act, but the best weapon to clean up pollution is Prosperity - carbon taxes and emissions trading schemes are a sure way of destroying our prosperity and rendering our nation impotent to deal with natural calamity. Drought, flood, cyclone, bushfire, disease, famine, tsunami, earthquake and volcano cannot be fought with candlesticks and second-hand bicycles (only things available after the steel mills and aluminium smelters are closed).

I would back the arguments of Professor Bob Carter, Professor Ian Plimer and Professor Lance Endersbee, all highly respected Australian academics, against any of the unnamed 'world's greatest academic thinkers'.

The sooner the 'global warming' scam is exposed as the fraud that it is, the sooner we can get on with building a strong society better equipped to meet the challenges of the future.

Regards

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