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Saltbush loves carbon dioxide

Saltbush knows climate changes

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*“The food we eat, the water we drink, and the power we use
for most of our endeavours,
are available only because previous generations
invested their know-how and money for the future.
It is time this generation did the same.”*

*Ron Pike,
Saltbush Club Member*

Climate, Energy and Infrastructure - The World Background, and Priorities for Australia.

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A group of concerned Australians has come together to bring some bi-partisan sanity to the climate/energy/infrastructure debate.

They share a deep concern that the destructive war on hydro-carbon fuels waged by both sides of Australian politics is doing great harm to Australian industries and households, reducing job prospects and making electricity more expensive and less reliable; all for no climate benefits. And they see needed infrastructure being neglected.

Saltbush members are patriotic Australians with wide experience in industry, engineering, science, mining, agriculture, business, economics, government, public service, research, media and politics. They include graduates from top academic Universities and from the “University of Life”. They are independent thinkers with few corporate ties but with sufficient knowledge and life experience to be immune to political fads and slogans.

They understand the limitations of government and distrust moves towards global government.

Members are listed here:

<http://clexit.net/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/saltbush-members.pdf>

Firstly, the World Background

The Saltbush Club draws attention to five pieces of evidence that the Climate Alarm tide has peaked, and Australia risks being stranded with destructive policy settings as the tide of global warming alarm retreats:

Firstly, the Non-government International Panel on Climate Change (NIPCC - a private body) supported by many world-class scientists and a large body of peer-reviewed literature has released the summary of a comprehensive report disproving much of the UN-promoted IPCC. There **IS** a debate.

See: <http://clexit.net/2018/10/13/nipcc-end-global-war-fossil-fuel/>

Secondly, a large international group of scientists and business people from 26 different countries (including Australia) have joined the Clexit Movement which urges withdrawal from the Paris Climate Agreement and cessation of the war on carbon fuels. The Saltbush Club will collaborate with all other Clexit efforts.

See:

www.clexit.net and

<http://clexit.net/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/clexit-members.pdf>

Thirdly, the US government has already notified the UN-promoted IPCC that the US will withdraw from the Paris Agreement as soon as possible. Without US funding and participation, that dangerous organisation must contract. Moreover carbon tax proposals and some green candidates were rejected by voters in the recent US elections.

<https://treaties.un.org/doc/Publication/CN/2017/CN.464.2017-Eng.pdf>

<https://mailchi.mp/fa8ef55f4e2f/washington-voters-reject-carbon-tax-for-a-second-time?e=e1638e04a2>

Climate change is real, but the Paris treaty won't fix it:

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/opinion/2016/04/21/climate-change-real-paris-treaty-costly-few-benefits-research-green-energy-column/83292440/>

Fourthly, the growing BRIC nations (Brazil, Russia, India and China) have no intention of making meaningful cuts to their production of carbon dioxide. Brazilian president-elect Jair Bolsonaro has even vowed to withdraw from Paris Agreement.

Moreover, the nations of the Third-World-Network just want to get a big share from the enormous "Green Climate Fund" (to be supplied by the western industrialised nations, including Australia). And doubts are even arising in Germany about their failed green energy gamble.

As Benny Peiser reports "The Paris Climate Gang is Breaking Up":

<https://mailchi.mp/d4c643a36ca1/bolsonaro-in-merkel-out-the-paris-climate-gang-is-breaking-up?e=e1638e04a2>

Fifthly, hundreds of new modern coal-fired power stations are being built rapidly in many nations of the world. Many are using good quality Australian coal to power the manufacturing and refining industries which are being driven out of Australia because of its high-cost unreliable electricity.

Naturally such a diverse group as the Saltbush Club has a variety of political views and loyalties. Nevertheless, they are agreed on the following Platform:

***The Saltbush Platform
Priorities for Australia on
Climate, Energy and Infrastructure.***

1. It is time to direct a searchlight into the science supporting the global warming narrative. There are four priorities:

Firstly, we need data transparency from national and international bodies which use taxpayer funds to promote agendas. As the Climate-gate episode shows, there has been too much fudging and concealment as well as promotion of policies without proof.

See: <https://www.thegwpc.com/moving-goalposts-ipcc-secretly-redefines-climate/>

Secondly, the intolerant censorship and the monotonous one-sided dirge of climate alarm from the government-funded ABC (Australian Broadcasting Commission), in most Universities, in government education, in most state and local governments, and in some learned societies is anti-science and must cease. Government funding for climate research should be independently and closely scrutinised. Open-minded science must replace dogma, head-counting, exaggeration and hidden agendas.

Thirdly, we need an open public enquiry into the science supporting the man-made global warming story.

Finally, we must restore maths, science, engineering, economics and the classics to their once important part of Australia's education curricula.

The importance of this is well explained here:

<https://www.thegwpc.org/content/uploads/2018/10/Lindzen-2018-GWPF-Lecture.pdf>

2. Australia should withdraw immediately from the Paris Climate Agreement and cease implementing its targets and controls.

Earth's climate has been changing since the planet was formed. Natural cycles in the solar system, changing ocean currents and periods of volcanism control Earth's cycles of climate which control carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. CO₂ is not the climate driver – rather it is predominantly climate driven. It is expelled from oceans in warm eras, and absorbed back into the oceans when the ice sheets expand and the oceans cool.

Carbon dioxide is one of the essential "gases of life" – it feeds all plants that feed all animals. It also feeds the marine food chain.

Mankind is lucky to be thriving in a warm, moist era, in which rising carbon dioxide in the atmosphere is producing more food and a greener globe. It is the recurring cold, dry, hungry, carbon-poor ice ages we need to fear (especially in areas with high population growth or high levels of immigration).

Moreover, carbon dioxide is not a pollutant and scare-mongers should stop trying to score political points with slogans, un-truths and selected pictures such as those showing harmless steam emerging from the cooling towers of power plants.

Australia should abandon all energy policies, targets or carbon taxes that assume there are global (or Australian) benefits in limiting Australian production of carbon dioxide.

3. The political war on hydro-carbon fuels should cease. Australia should remove all government policy obstacles to the construction of new efficient coal-fired power stations.
4. There should be no government support for any form of carbon capture and burial (capturing, separating, compressing and pumping carbon dioxide gas into underground storages). This costly energy-consuming process will produce no benefits for climate, but will cause a huge waste of carbon fuels and higher electricity costs by consuming far more coal or gas to produce the same amount of energy/electricity. Nor should there be government support for other costly schemes for artificially removing CO₂ from the atmosphere (unless the whole process makes good unsubsidised business sense).
See: <https://thenewdaily.com.au/news/world/2018/10/28/scrub-carbon-air/>
5. No support should be given to futile geo-engineering schemes for artificially cooling Earth's surface by manipulating solar radiation. Examples include placing giant umbrellas in space to shade the earth, creating artificial clouds of small particles/aerosols, spraying a mist of seawater into the air to create more cloud cover, spreading stuff onto oceans to make them reflect more solar radiation and even suggestions to mimic the heat-reflecting potential of deserts by creating huge salt playas. These scary ideas offer no benefits, huge costs and tremendous potential for unintended consequences - costly ideas for solving a non-problem.
6. Instead of battling a harmless non-polluting natural atmospheric gas like carbon dioxide, politicians should focus on finding and fixing real pollution of air, water and soil.

All proposed environmental regulations should be subject to rigorous cost/benefit analyses. For example, consuming resources and energy to sort, collect and ship waste interstate or overseas to “recyclers” (some with questionable procedures anyway) may add to energy costs and environmental damage.

7. Droughts, floods, bushfires, cyclones, tornadoes, hail storms, snow storms, dust storms, heat waves, unseasonal frosts and La Nina/El Nino events are normal weather events, and are not getting consistently worse. Like the long-term cycles of advancing and retreating ice, they all have their own natural drivers and rhythms.

The media and some politicians should be condemned for shameless exploitation of every weather-related scare-story to promote a climate alarm/anti-carbon agenda. Every weather event becomes a mega-drought, a super-storm or even a climate-crisis.

Here is the latest UN Scare story:

<https://thenewdaily.com.au/news/world/2018/10/08/climate-report-crisis-2040/>

Weather forecasters and weather recording should be freed and separated from the global-warming/climate-alarm story. Forecasters should not feel obliged to massage their long-term forecasts to suit or promote political agendas.

Weather records should be measured and documented accurately and consistently, and the records kept open to public scrutiny. No original weather records should ever be destroyed. *This is what the first global audit found:*

<http://joannenova.com.au/2018/10/first-audit-of-global-temperature-data-finds-freezing-tropical-islands-boiling-towns-boats-on-land/>

8. Subsidising or mandating disruptive wind and solar energy on the grid should cease. No wind or solar farm should be allowed to connect to the grid unless it can demonstrate the technical and financial capacity to supply power 24/7 with their own reliable backup system using batteries, or contracts with gas, hydro or coal generators.
9. Snowy Hydro 2 is designed to store water and potential energy when these are readily available, and use them to supply electricity to the grid when there is high demand and/or short supply from wind/solar. It could also be used to cover peak demand while coal or gas supplied steady base-load. It is, in effect, a giant energy storage battery and makes no net contribution to Australia’s electricity or water supply. In fact it would be a significant net consumer of energy. Its main value could be to back up a potentially unstable system when wind/solar fails.

If private operators want to build Snowy Hydro2, without subsidies, they should be free to do so, but taxpayers should not be saddled with this cost.

10. Instead of wasting community savings on low-density intermittent green energy, Australians may be better served by making sure that essential infrastructure such as water supply, roads, rail lines, airports and power supply is better able to survive the droughts, floods, cyclones and bushfires that will inevitably recur.

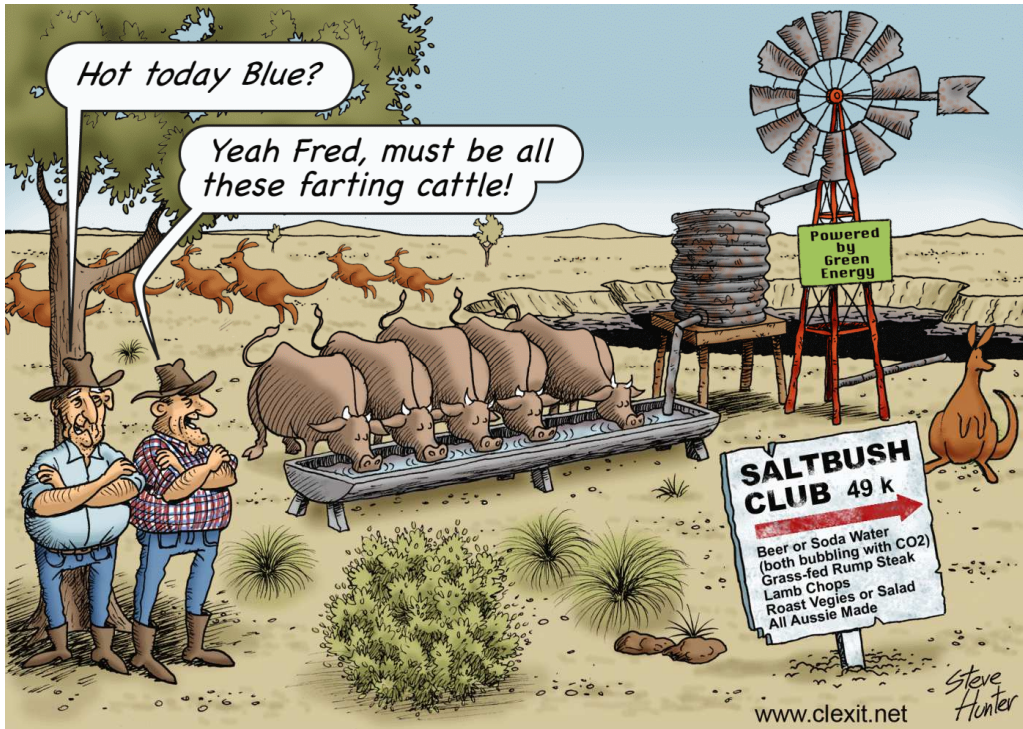
We should also remove political obstacles preventing the construction of decentralising infrastructure projects, especially those that have been investigated and planned for decades and which only need an update to their cost-benefit analyses and feasibility studies.

11. Nuclear power should not be automatically banned or subject to over-zealous regulations. No energy source is absolutely safe. To be without cheap reliable electric power is also a huge risk, especially for mega-cities.
12. Electric vehicles may produce benefits in air quality and noise in big cities but they should not be subsidised or mandated, and they should pay a fair share of road-usage and transmission line costs. Without carbon-fuelled dozers, tractors, trucks, ships and planes for agriculture, industry and bulk transport, most big cities would soon starve.

Moreover, when all factors are considered (including the huge need for new transmission lines, charging stations and rare battery metals) electric vehicles may not reduce overall production of carbon dioxide.

See: <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2018-10-16/the-dirt-on-clean-electric-cars>

13. Sea levels are always rising and falling as ice ages come and go. Currently they are largely stable. Government should cease using unjustified sea level scares to destroy property values and development rights for coastal landowners, and to encourage spurious claims for climate compensation by island nations.
14. The war on cattle, sheep and grasslands should cease, and all property rights should be respected. The continuing injustices caused to landowners by the Kyoto Agreement bans on control of woody weeds should cease. There are large costs and no proven climate benefits in these policies.



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