

Stop Greenhouse - Become part of the Carbon Cycle!

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Waves in the Atlantic are now 120cm bigger than they were just 30 years ago, Insurance companies worldwide are spending more and more on claims (More in 1999-2000 than for the previous 9 years put together!), Australian farmers have been faced with unpredictably wild swings in weather and climate changes – all with just a 0.6 degree increase in the worlds temperature since 1900!

Now CSIRO have announced in a new report that if we don't change our ways, we can expect up to a 6.0 degree increase in just 70 years!!!

Global warming is a symptom of our dependence on fossil fuel. The only way to make the situation better is to demand the use of renewable and bio energy. The government is currently telling us that we have to give \$1.3 billion to the petroleum industry just so we can have cleaner fuel. Cleaner – yes – but still fossil fuel. But it gets even worse... The government has committed up to \$240 million of taxpayers money to develop Shale Oil mining – the worst fossil fuel for green house gas emissions.

If the government were to show the same commitment to ethanol and biodiesel that it is willing to show the Shale Oil Industry, there would be a huge and direct reduction in greenhouse gas emissions while generating thousands of jobs and strengthening our regional economy. If it were to match the commitment that it is prepared to offer the oil industry, the emissions would be at least as great, 10's of thousands of new jobs would be created and the reduction in the balance of payments would equal or exceed the governments commitment.

“Why doesn't the government get serious and match its support for bio fuels?” asks Adrian Lake, co-founder of the Biodiesel Association. “While their current answer of Natural Gas will improve some situations – It's still a fossil fuel – still part of the problem”.

“Biodiesel can reduce the net CO₂ emissions from a vehicle by between 50-90%.”

“Bio-fuels mean the fuel and your vehicle becomes part of the carbon cycle not a ‘greenhouse machine’!”

Amongst all this gloom and doom, this all sounds too good to be true. Perhaps that is why it hasn't been given the support we deserve. Now is the time to demand the support. If not now, at least according to the report, it may be never!

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