

Climate Change

Submission for Victoria's Summit on Climate Change, to be held in July '08

Today, climate change, more specifically global warming, is the direst threat to life on our planet. Therefore corrective measures by all states and nations are urgently required. In general, since the basic causes of the warming are mainly our greenhouse gas polluting technologies multiplied by overpopulation, these are the two areas where the corrections must be applied.

In order to control the polluting emissions, the Victorian Government must follow the top scientists' recommendations to drastically reduce these in Victoria principally by replacing polluting technologies with renewable non polluting ones. Only then can our State, by setting the right example, contribute effectively to national and international leadership.

The situation in Victoria regarding population is tragic in that the Government has no population goal size other than the vague one of ever increasing growth. This is particularly unintelligent in view of this state's lack of water, declining agricultural land, also inadequate housing and public transportation. Why does Melbourne, in particular, have to accept over 1000 newcomers each week for the next twenty years? Such excess must be stopped. We must have our own State in sustainable population condition in order to contribute to national and international leadership in our vastly overcrowded planet.

Advertisements to help educate the public particularly about conservation and green energy must be continued. Also government grants to promote research and development in these areas.

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