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## New Zealand's changing climate and oceans:

### *The impact of human activity and implications for the future ([pdf](#))*

[Voxy's take on it](#)

[Waikato Times article](#)

#### **Ken's response to the Waikato Times article:**

I went straight to the report and read it...you saw [my comments](#) ...what incensed me was Waikato Times publication of a reader's letter to the editor of the most strident warmist kind telling them how brave they were to report it and how Bill McKibben is such a visionary...and we should shut down all industrialisation etc...puke.

So I wrote my own letter-to-the-editor:

“Paul Judge commends Waikato Times for its ‘brave decision’ to devote the whole front page to the latest climate change report. Regurgitating alarmist hypothetical points without critical analysis or comment might sell newspapers but we deserve actual journalism.

The report projects an increase in average New Zealand temperatures over the 1980-2000 average of 0.9<sup>0</sup> C by 2040. Since virtually everything in the article depends on this central assertion critical journalistic examination is warranted. To fulfil this projection the next 27 years will need more global warming than the world has seen since 1850.

The report's assertion that “*Any short-term departures from the long-term warming trend can broadly be explained through a combination of other causes of climate variability and inherent lags in the system.*” is breathtakingly dismissive. The “short term departure” is the last sixteen years absence of any statistically significant increase in global warming. There is no scientific explanation for this and it cannot be waved away vaguely as other causes and lags. The fact is that we do not know why it has stopped any more than we know that global warming is caused by carbon dioxide.

Surely THIS is more of an intriguing story? Are you brave enough?”

P.S. They were indeed brave enough to publish this on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August.

**Waikato Times 2 August poll:** Are you worried about Climate Change?

Yes -it's a serious issue 175 votes, 28.5%

No -I'm not concerned 438 votes 71.5%

j. c's view:

Greetings

I guess you've seen the stuff (NZH) from Sir Peter Gluckman about what might happen to our climate in the next 87 years? Namely: NZ will get a bit warmer.

Even if he were dead right - and the chances of that are zero - the appalling part of his prognosis is the one-sidedness of it. Like, for example, there might be an increase in insects. Really? What about the reduction of stock losses because of less harsh winters... and so on?

It might be slightly less unbelievable were the Earth warming. But it's not.

As you know, he's National's principal advisor on matters meteorological. If there was a more enlightened outfit to vote for I would.

But he'd become their advisor too.

Democracy?

Nyet!

j c

(Comment from Ken: I suspect Sir Peter Gluckman contributed nothing more than the cover note which belabours how uncertain it all is. Check the list of usual suspects in the acknowledgements on page 20 to see who actually wrote it.)

## Reports from Generation Zero meetings

The recent What's the hold up? NZ tour

### Hamilton meeting:

This report is quite lengthy so best accessed [here](#).

### Gisborne meeting:

*Yesterday I had to go to Gisborne and completely by chance discovered that there **was** going to be a Gen Zero meeting in Gisborne after all- obviously thrown together at short notice since it hadn't originally been advertised on their website.*

*I decided that I might as well go since I was in town anyway (I live an hour and a half from Gis).*

*One thing I can say about those young people- they are very committed to their cause! They drove all the way from Havelock North to Gisborne, had their meeting and were due to drive all the way back the same night! I actually ended up feeling quite sorry for them because hardly anyone turned up- there were only 24 people there counting 5 presenters and my son and I who can hardly be termed 'supporters'!*

*So I sat through the meeting and heard all the ideas and so forth. I actually felt quite sorry for these folk because they're obviously a bunch of intelligent, very well-intentioned and passionate young people who care about the world and are prepared to get off their backsides and do their bit to 'save' us all. They were quite realistic in some ways, I felt- eg they openly admitted fossil fuels are by far the cheapest, most practical and reliable sources of energy.*

*I didn't have them on during their question time but instead waited around and chatted to a couple of them afterwards. I had a really good chat to the girl Nina, then Paul Young came along and joined in. He's obviously quite a bit more knowledgeable whereas Nina knew virtually no science and admitted to simply believing what she had been told and 'trusted the scientists'.*

*Paul had heard of us (Climate Realists), had heard of Monckton, knew Chris de Freitas at Auckland Uni and had a good knowledge of what's going on in the climate debate. We had a good friendly discussion and he certainly was a person one could actually talk to, as opposed to the 'Flat Earth'ers I met in April who were just idiots playing a character which I couldn't penetrate.*

*I stressed to Nina that there hasn't been any global warming for at least 15 years, probably considerably longer, and she was obviously surprised to hear this. I told her CO2 was a good, necessary gas in the atmosphere and she really didn't quite know how to respond. As when I told her that solar power wasn't quite all it's cracked up to be- I cited the Nigerian doctor who can run either the lights or the frig in his remote medical station, but not both simultaneously! (See: The Great Global Warming Swindle)*

Anyway it was getting late and they were obviously really tired with a long drive ahead of them so I suggested they could contact us through our website which Paul was familiar with, and we could continue the discussion if they wanted. I do hope I hear from them as they are willing to discuss the issues, but I'm not holding my breath.

Esther

**Wanganui meeting:**

Went to the Meeting in Wanganui last night, all the greenies and socialists who don't seem to know where money comes from. It is totally a protest movement for the joy of protest, no matter whether it is right or wrong.

All the spiel about saving the planet by stopping CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. Evidently solar, biofuel, wind and electric cars will save us from death. Dirty coal will kill us. Had to put my hand up as a sceptic, only two of us. About 100 attended.

Childish presentation, the dinosaur asking questions, they were all given a board to hold and get their photos taken in front of the dinosaur.

They had figures for all the CO<sub>2</sub> being emitted by industries, but admitted they did not know how much Mt Pinatubo emitted.

The Massey Professor replied to my question, which I had to be forceful to get answered, that natural CO<sub>2</sub> was okay, the baddy was the CO<sub>2</sub> released by burning fossil fuels, never knew there was a difference.

When he knocked me down with this reply, the clapping was like the 1934 video of Hitler and his believer. The pain they must have gone through when they realised they had backed the wrong horse.

Gave the young man in charge some simple reading and he promised he would research the other view, here's hoping.

You two deserve a medal, your work is really appreciated, by those of us who can be cried down a bit.

Garth S

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## How little we know about the weather

*It may come as a surprise to many, but modern science has very little to say about most of [the weather we observe on a daily basis](#).*

Bob

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## From GWPF: Europe pulls the plug on its green future

*As country after country abandons, curtails or reneges on once-generous support for renewable energy, Europe is beginning to realise that its green energy strategy is dying on the vine. [Green dreams are giving way to hard economic realities](#).....*

*.....The German Association of Energy Consumers estimates that up to 800,000 Germans have had their power cut off because they couldn't pay the country's rising electricity bills; among them, German newspaper Der Spiegel reported last October, are 200,000 long-term unemployed.*

*As The Washington Post writer Charles Lane observed at the time: "It's one thing to lose your job because a competing firm built a superior mouse trap; it's quite another, justice-wise, to lose it because a competitor talked the government into taking its side."*

*Two weeks ago, the Czech government decided to end all subsidies for new renewable energy projects at the end of this year. "The reason for this law amendment is the rising financial burden for electricity consumers," Prime Minister Jiri Rusnok said. "It threatens the competitiveness of our industry and raises consumers' uncertainty about power prices." In recent years, almost all EU member states also have begun the process of rolling back and cutting green subsidies.*

*Spain is a particularly cautionary tale. By failing to control the cost of guaranteed subsidies, the country has been saddled with €126bn of obligations to renewable-energy investors.*

*Now that the Spanish government has dramatically curtailed these subsidies, even retrospectively, more than 50,000 solar entrepreneurs face financial disaster and bankruptcy.*

*Germany, however, is the nation that has pushed the renewables agenda furthest and is struggling most with the unintended damage of the green energy shift, its so-called Energiewende.*

*Germany's renewable energy levy, which subsidises green energy production, rose from €14bn to €20bn in just one year as a result of the fierce expansion of wind and solar power projects. Since the introduction of the levy in 2000, the electricity bill of German consumers has doubled.....*

Keith

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### **The latest newsletter from Carbon Sense**

*Killing Australia's carbon tax is a good idea but it should happen immediately, not later. But replacing it with an ETS is a very bad idea and should never happen.*

*The carbon tax is a known amount, simple in principle, needs no bankers or brokers, and all receipts end up in Australian hands. And it is easy to abolish at any time.*

*The ETS is a variable and unpredictable carbon tax. It creates business uncertainty, is complex in operation, encourages brokers, lawyers and speculators and it will drain our money to middlemen and into the European carbon credit casino. And it will create a growing army of vested interests who will forever oppose its abolition.*

*Neither the fixed tax nor the vacillating tax will have any beneficial effect on climate.*

*The carbon tax should be axed, but replaced with . . . [NOTHING](#).*

Viv

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## Links from Sonya:

### It's Steam not Pollution, Stupid!

A short [video](#) from the Galileo Movement.

### Alliance for Wise Energy Decisions

A new American [website](#) with a wealth of valuable information and insight into the future of the electrical energy sector.

### Christopher Booker: We could soon be paying billions for this wind back-up

*Occasionally, one comes across a story so mind-blowingly unexpected and out-of-left-field that it seems hard for readers to take on board that it is true. Such is the story I first reported here last month, under the heading, "Our lights will stay on, but it'll cost us a fortune", about the scheme being devised by the National Grid to solve what has long been the most intractable problem created by the Government's plan to see the best part of £110 billion spent in seven years on building tens of thousands more wind turbines - namely, how to keep our national grid "balanced" when it has to cope with all those unpredictably wild fluctuations in the speed of the wind.*

*[The answer National Grid has come up with](#), only made possible by the latest computer technology and "cloud software", is to hook up thousands of diesel generators, remotely controlled by the grid, to provide almost instantly available back-up for when the wind drops.*

see also: [Unreliability of Windfarms- Old Sparky](#)

### Record cold, record warm....

From July23 to July 29 2013 there were [1,122 record cold temps and 173 record warm](#) temps.

### New paper published on the [planetary theory of solar variation](#)

Empirical evidences for a planetary modulation of total solar irradiance and the TSI signature of the 1.09-year Earth-Jupiter conjunction cycle.

### [Prepare for decades of extreme cold](#)

## From the 'Good Grief' Department

### Global Warming is happening '10 times faster' than at any time in the earth's history

*-American scientists said if temperatures keep rising at the current rapid pace, significant stress will be places on terrestrial ecosystems*

*-Animals face needing to move toward the poles or higher in the mountains by at least one kilometre a year, the study claims*

*-Climatologists at Stanford Woods Institute for the Environment believe extreme weather events are expected to become more severe and frequent*

### Global Warming will make people more violent...

The BBC breathlessly reported [yet another threat](#) from 'global warming' - more violence.

If my history serves me correctly, it was just a tad violent during the Dark Ages (cooling after the Roman Warm Period) and the Hundred Years War which accompanied the start of the Little Ice Age after the Medieval Warm period.

Cooling reduces harvests and causes misery, disease and violence as people raid others' food etc.

The latter part of the LIA was only redeemed by the introduction of crop rotation and a more organised use of agriculture.

### Quakes may add to Global Warming.....

Earthquakes may contribute to global warming by releasing greenhouse gas from the ocean floor, a study suggests.

Scientists uncovered evidence that a large earthquake in 1945 released more than seven million cubic metres of methane into the North Arabian Sea.

The discovery exposes a natural source of greenhouse gas emissions that has not been considered before, they claim.

### Climate Crazyness of the week- [taxing sunlight](#)

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## The competing world Views of Environmentalism and Christianity

For the Christians among us ([pdf](#))

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### Advertisement

DVD- Agenda: Grinding America Down

This excellent dvd is available from Climate Realists ([info@climaterealists.org.nz](mailto:info@climaterealists.org.nz)) for only \$15- we are down to the last few copies so be in quick.

Although it is produced by Americans for Americans it is totally relevant to NZ (and every other Western nation). It joins all the dots of the many issues facing the West. A must see, to share with your friends.

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**If carbon dioxide is so bad for the planet, why do greenhouse growers buy CO<sub>2</sub> generators to double plant growth?**

Hi Neil & Esther,

[This may be of interest?](#)

Cheers,  
Rob.

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## Sea Levels

This is [one of many articles](#) regarding the subsidence of some land masses and also other areas of the globe are experiencing tidal patterns getting lower.

Cheers.

Tim.

### Caruba: Drowning in Sea Level Nonsense

*The notion of the seas rising, swamping coastal cities, and creating havoc is the stuff of science fiction, not science. This is why spending millions or billions on the assertions of some who have a real stake in keeping the public frightened is a very bad idea.*

*At the center of the global warming scare campaign is the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). Its most recent report said that “no long-term acceleration of sea level has been identified using 20<sup>th</sup>-century data alone” but that does not discourage the IPCC from forecasting an increase due to global warming. This organization should be disbanded and, if I were in charge, many of its leaders would be in jail right now for fraud.*

Terry

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## ‘Do the Math’ on Climate Change

*“[Do the math](#),” says climate campaigner Bill McKibben in the film that was presented by the League of Women Voters of the Charleston Area (LWVCA) at 5 pm on Sunday, July 28 at the Cinebarre Theater in Mount Pleasant. Doing the “math” on global warming will supposedly prove we are on the brink of climate catastrophe, about to encounter a dangerous “tipping point”.*

*On the strength of his arithmetic, McKibben puts an upper limit on the amount of fossil fuels that can be burned before the carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) they release into the atmosphere causes ‘global temperature’ to rise by more than 2°C. “Anything more than that,” he asserts, “risks catastrophe for life on earth.”....*

..... Ironically we are near the lowest level of CO2 in Earth's history. During a multi-million year period around 440 million years ago, CO2 was about 1400 percent (in other words, 14 times) today's level while Earth was stuck in the coldest period of the last half-billion years. The climate models' assumption that temperature is driven by CO2 is clearly wrong.

Bob

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### Christchurch Protest reports, extra links:

Geof has [updated his reports from Christchurch](#):

I really believe that Agenda 21 or Global warming notwithstanding, New Zealanders really need to wake up to how they are being run by an all too powerful government who does not regard itself as their servant. John Key and his ministers have far more power over the Kiwi individual than the President of the USA has over each American. This showed up in the court room when it was revealed that the Red Zone was created by Gerry Brownlee without reference to any legislation or to the public of which he destroyed many livelihoods. It is also appears that the idea was not thought through properly and the unfortunate effects of the zoning were not expected.

See also more information about ICLEI:

Hi Climate Realists.

Thought I would send you a link to a website that is dedicated to Agenda 21, and more importantly, ICLEI, the worm that carries UN Agenda into local body politics.

Stop ICLEI, and the Agenda is harder to carry out.

If you have seen this before, ignore it....but if you haven't you will find it [a great educational site](#).

Keep up the great work.

Cheers,

Gill

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## 30 months to save the world

An email from AVAAZ has been circulating for some time now, claiming among other things that only 30 months are left to save the world.

*(Avaaz.org is a 22-million-person global campaign network that works to ensure that the views and values of the world's people shape global decision-making. ("Avaaz" means "voice" or "song" in many languages.) Avaaz members live in every nation of the world.)*

### Here is an extract:

*.....This is what the experts warned us about. As the earth warms, it creates many "tipping points" that accelerate the warming out of control. Warming thaws the Arctic sea ice, destroying the giant white 'mirror' that reflects heat back into space, which massively heats up the ocean, and melts more ice, and so on. We spin out of control. Already this year -- storms, temperatures -- everything is off the charts.*

*We CAN stop this, if we act very fast, and all together. And out of this extinction nightmare, we can pull one of the most inspiring futures for our children and grandchildren. A clean, green future in balance with the earth that gave birth to us.*

*We have 30 months until the Paris Summit, the meeting that world leaders have decided will determine the fate of our efforts to fight climate change. It might seem like a long time - it's not. We have 30 months to get the right leaders in power, get them to that meeting, give them a plan, and hold them accountable. And it's us vs. the oil companies, and fatalism. We can win, we must, but we need to blast out of the starting gate with pledges of just a few dollars/euros/pounds per week until the summit .....*

*Fatalism on climate change is not just futile, it's also incompetent. The hour is late, but it is still absolutely within our power to stop this catastrophe, simply by shifting our economies from oil and coal to other sources of power. And doing so will bring the world together like never before, in a deep commitment and cooperation to protect our planetary home. It's a beautiful possibility, and the kind of future Avaaz was born to create.....*

### Here's Lord Christopher Monckton's response:

*Oh dear! These people seldom stop. The simple truth is that there has been no global warming statistically distinguishable from zero for 17 years 4 months; and none at all for 12 years 6 months. Therefore, the loss of ice in the Arctic (largely matched by a growth of ice in the Antarctic) cannot be attributed to global warming, for the good and sufficient reason that it is not happening and that, to the extent that it was happening, it is not global. But profiteering propagandists like these are not in the least interested in mere facts. -*

*Christopher*

## Weather forecasting

*It was April when the Aboriginals in a remote part of Taree, New South Wales, Australia asked their new elder if the coming winter was going to be cold or mild.*

*Since he was an elder in a modern community he had never been taught the old secrets. When he looked at the sky he couldn't tell what the winter was going to be like.*

*Nevertheless, to be on the safe side, he told his tribe that the winter was indeed going to be cold and that the members of the tribe should collect firewood to be prepared.*

*But being a practical leader, after several days he had an idea.*

*He walked out to the telephone booth on the highway, called the Bureau of Meteorology and asked, 'Is the coming winter in this area going to be cold?'*

*The meteorologist responded, 'It looks like this winter is going to be quite cold.'*

*So the elder went back to his people and told them to collect even more wood in order to be prepared.*

*A week later he called the Bureau of Meteorology again. 'Does it still look like it is going to be a very cold winter?'*

*The meteorologist again replied, 'Yes, it's going to be a very cold winter.'*

*The elder again went back to his community and ordered them to collect every scrap of firewood they could find.*

*Two weeks later the elder called the Bureau again. 'Are you absolutely sure that the winter is going to be very cold?' he asked.*

*'Absolutely,' the man replied. 'It's looking more and more like it is going to be one of the coldest winters ever.'*

*'How can you be so sure?' the elder asked.*

*The weatherman replied, 'Our satellites have reported that the Aboriginals in the north are collecting firewood like crazy, and that's always a sure sign.'*

*Keith*

*(Thanks to 'First Glass Wines and Spirits' for sending this one along)*