

The Evidence Against Human Causation in Global Warming

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SUMMARY

The following data does not fit the assumption that human activities result in global warming. It follows then that the assumption that anthropogenic CO₂ causes global warming is fundamentally flawed.

- Ice core data shows that there have been repeated heating and cooling events on the earth long before human activity was significant. Global warming is a naturally occurring event. Attempting to interfere in this process may have unpredictable consequences
- The Earth cooled between 1940 and 1975 while fossil fuel consumption rose dramatically. The Earth should have warmed if CO₂ emissions from fossil fuel consumption is a cause of global warming. The theory does not fit the data.
- Ignoring data that does not fit a theory is poor science. Only one inconsistent piece of data is necessary to negate a theory.
- Reducing CO₂ emissions and introducing carbon trading will not prevent global warming, but will make energy dramatically more expensive to the consumer.

INTRODUCTION

The author is a geologist with 30 years experience in the metalliferous mining industry. He is currently Chief Operating Officer of a public listed gold mining company. Opponents of the following view will claim bias, but knowledge of, and training and practise in, the subject does not equate with bias.

There are strident calls for the reduction and elimination of carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions, based on the assumptions that (a) increasing carbon dioxide emissions are the cause of global warming and (b) that human activities are responsible for a rise in carbon dioxide emissions. The conclusion is then drawn that restricting human emissions of CO₂ will reduce global warming.

The basis of the scientific method is that a series of observations are made, a hypothesis is drawn up to explain the observations, then a series of tests are made to see if the hypothesis holds under all circumstances. If test results indicate the hypothesis is flawed, then the hypothesis must be altered to fit ALL data.

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