

Tuesday, 24 March 2015

Letter to Australian coal companies

Executive's name & title

Company name

Street or PO Box address

City STATE CODE

Dear Mr/s. (Executive name):

Re: Ending the war on hydrocarbons especially coal

Late last year you were copied on my letter of 8 December 2014 to executives leading five global coal mining companies.

Before sharing their replies I need to express my appreciation for the privilege of working in our industry and gaining understanding of its structure and operation. I admire and am proud of our industry's immense contribution to Australia's economic and social development. History shows its preparedness to take great financial risks and to develop and apply innovations in engineering, infrastructure and efficiency.

I am though perplexed by what appears to have become industry policy in respect to climate. Our industry's past reliance on engineering, spirited enterprise and determination have been replaced by 'political consensus', appeasement and abdication that defy engineering and scientific logic and contradict empirical scientific evidence. It is destroying our industry and thereby harming our nation, our natural environment and humanity. Empirical evidence proves that carbon dioxide (CO₂) from human use of hydrocarbons – coal, oil and natural gas – cannot and does not affect global climate.

It is of grave concern that the replies from BHP Billiton and AngloAmerican executives rely on 'appeals to authority' and contradict empirical scientific evidence. Their replies and my responses are at <http://bit.ly/1G223XO>. There you can also read Greenpeace's ongoing strategy for destroying our industry. It is financed by the Rockefeller Family Fund connected with oil companies that benefit from coal's demise.

Since copying you on my December letter, and in accord with the activists' strategy, our industry's situation has deteriorated with the pending court case against Adani's Carmichael Coal project. It will be 'defended' by an ardent believer in cutting human sources of CO₂, federal Environment Minister Greg Hunt. If he fails to defend Adani's project, and to date he has shown scant support for hydrocarbons and data, it will severely curtail our industry, and potentially destroy it.

Appeasement and abdication by prominent coal executives and the Minerals Council of Australia allowed extremists and politicians to build public momentum against coal. In a disturbing warning to us, Australia has the world's largest per capita fishing zone yet now imports almost three quarters of the seafood our tiny population eats. One of the world's largest renewable resources – extending from rich tropical waters to bountiful Antarctic waters – has been locked up by policies under ALP-Greens governments and some Liberal cabinet Ministers. Our marine parks make up 36% of the world's marine parks and are controlled by UN rules and restrictions choking the fishing industry. Our last fish cannery – in Port Lincoln – closed in 2010 and was moved together with supporting manufacturing and service industries to crowded Thailand waters, our second largest source of imported seafood behind China, both having much smaller fishing zones and many more people. This is happening to our coal industry with false



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climate claims made in UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) reports as the basis for a political agenda and activists using unscientific emotional claims about the Great Barrier Reef. ‘Politically correct’ rhetoric meant to assuage the politically driven guilt around the use of hydrocarbons falsely accused of harming our planet is not the solution: it is our industry’s demise.

Please refer to the enclosed four-page extract from my report of 27 February 2015 to Senator Simon Birmingham and The Hon Bob Baldwin, MP in response to a letter from Senator Birmingham. The full report with supporting references (<http://ow.ly/JO5GM>) presents seven years’ independent investigation. It succinctly summarises climate data and science, reveals the UN IPCC’s misrepresentations, motives and unwitting accomplices, and details the costs to nations and industry. The ultimate arbiter of science is honest, rigorous statistical analysis of observed data, not unvalidated and erroneous computerised numerical modeling, fabricated consensus or the appeals to authority to which federal governments, BHP, AngloAmerican and the Australian Minerals Council defer.

My rigorous, widely consultative and exhaustive processes conclude that:

1. The UN IPCC and a small group of CSIRO and Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) executives closely connected with the UN IPCC have no empirical scientific evidence for their claim that human CO₂ causes warming and have never presented any such evidence. Appendices 2, 6, 6a & 7 at <http://bit.ly/1snwKVB>;
2. The UN IPCC, CSIRO and BOM actually contradict empirical evidence; and,
3. The UN IPCC’s politically driven claims are false and rely on misrepresentations to mislead. It is a thoroughly corrupt organisation.

Pages 19-23 and 24-26 of my new report explain the assault on Australian industry that cannot sustain continual political intrusion and uncertainty, unfounded and unscientific harassment and controls producing higher costs, restrictions and complexity.

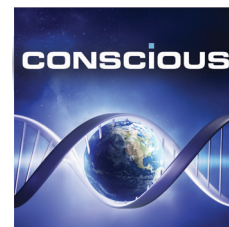
We can be proud of our industry as one of the world’s most important generators of affordable energy supporting humanity’s development and providing the prosperity essential for protecting our natural environment. We need to take immediate action to restore accurate public perceptions of our industry. For example: Develop company climate policy based on empirical evidence and lead your people to be proud of coal; promote informed discussion about coal, the UN IPCC, climate, tax and all Australian industry; remove links to the Minerals Council’s booklet *Coal Hard Facts* from company websites because pages 28-33 reinforce the UN IPCC’s nonsensical and unfounded CO₂ claims. We need to return to our industry’s roots by basing policies and decisions on facts and by speaking out truthfully.

Any efforts made to try and stop the earth’s natural climate variability are wasting shareholder funds, human resources and capital. These resources could be used instead to fulfil directors’ duty to maximise company value, to ensure corporate social responsibility and to care for your people. I would like the opportunity to assist you in maximising the value of your company and repositioning your company and our industry as truly green in its core business—safely, responsibly and efficiently providing low cost energy essential to modern livelihoods and lifestyles and vital for enabling the prosperity that underpins care for our natural environment.

I request a meeting to discuss my services, including my extensive body of work investigating climate science, to stop this war on hydrocarbons and to improve operational productivity so more people globally can enjoy coal’s environmental and humanitarian benefits.

Yours sincerely,

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