

# IPCC climate report: fact vs fiction

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Last week's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report demands "rapid, far-reaching and unprecedented changes in all aspects of society". For Australia this would mean shutting down most coal-fired power stations, skyrocketing electricity prices, widespread blackouts and brownouts, destroying most manufacturing, collapsing agriculture, skyrocketing poverty and homelessness, malnutrition, and social unrest. Those surviving this self-inflicted Dark Age would probably wish they hadn't.

The IPCC's Special Report on *Global Warming of 1.5 °C*, known as SR15, is a political, not scientific, document. The 91 authors, including five from Australia, did not present any evidence proving that Earth faces dangerous global warming. The Summary for Policymakers makes the extraordinary claim that essentially all warming since the pre-industrial period has been anthropogenic, with natural factors being negligible. Contrast this with the IPCC 1990 report which acknowledged that "worldwide temperatures were higher than at present [about 5,500 years ago] during the mid-Holocene", and that the more recent Little Ice Age "resulted in extensive glacial advances in almost all alpine regions of the world between 150 and 450 years ago".

Scientists not riding high on the climate gravy train present real evidence. Climatologist Dr Roy Spencer reported 2 October on his website [droyspencer.com](http://droyspencer.com) that globally, it's been the coolest September in the last 10 years. Then on 11 October he reported updated Florida hurricane trends since 1900 to include Hurricane Michael, which reached peak intensity on the previous day. Using National Hurricane Centre data, Dr Spencer reported good news: "The trend line in intensity is flat, and the trend line in number of storms ... is insignificantly downward." The mainstream media decided climate alarmism was more newsworthy.

Honest climate scientists knew in advance that the SR15 report would be a political statement devoid of real science. For example William Kininmonth, former head of Australia's National Climate Centre, wrote in a letter to *The Australian* on 4 October: "Every year, leading up to the COP [UN Climate Change Conference] meeting, we are softened up by media releases from so-called experts warning us of the ever-increasing danger from uncontrolled burning of fossil fuels as we supposedly are turning our planet into a living hell. ... Real climatologists become aware early in their careers that the oceans are the thermal and inertial flywheels of the climate system. The heat of the atmosphere is equivalent to that in the top four metres of the oceans and the mass of the atmosphere is equivalent to that of the top 10 metres. It is changes in ocean circulation, a factor not represented in climate models, that lead to changes in our climate."

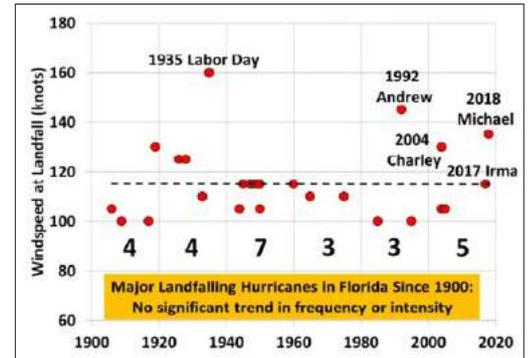
## Fake science

Among the SR15 authors is Prof. Ove Hoegh-Guldberg from the University of Queensland. He chaired a \$20 million study into coral bleaching with most of the funding coming from the World Bank. In 2000, Hoegh-Guldberg claimed "we now have more evidence that corals cannot fully recover from bleaching episodes such as the major event in 1998" and "the overall damage is irreparable". But in 2009, he admitted that he was "overjoyed" to see how much the reef had recovered and the Australian Institute of Marine Science reported "most reefs recovered fully" from the 1998 bleaching.

Professor Mark Howden, another SR15 author, is Director of the Climate Change Institute at the Australian

National University. He has been a major contributor to the IPCC since 1991, including the reports contributing to the award of the Nobel

Peace Prize for 2007 to the IPCC alongside Al Gore. Prof. Howden, a climate alarmist, has perhaps decided that frightening beer drinkers may be a new tactic in the climate wars. As reported in the *Sydney Morning Herald* on 16 October, Prof. Howden made a rather unusual claim: "Under high temperature conditions, you get undesirable heat-shock proteins, and they can impact on beer quality", he said, giving credibility to absurd claims that global warming would reduce barley yields worldwide.



## Real science

Once, the IPCC tolerated significant dissent to its political agenda. "There is no proven link between human activity and global warming", renowned scientist Prof. Yuri Izrael correctly insisted. He was IPCC vice-chairman until September 2008 and a first vice-president of the World Meteorological Organisation.

Dr John Christy, Distinguished Professor of Atmospheric Science and Director of the Earth System Science Centre at the University of Alabama in Huntsville, USA tells what most establishment media choose to censor: "I've often heard it said that there is a consensus of thousands of scientists on the global warming issue, and that humans are causing catastrophic change to the climate system. Well, I am one scientist, and there are many, that simply think that is not true."

## Solutions?

Presenting these alarming forecasts, what does the IPCC advocate as solutions? At their 8 October press conference, representatives emphasised "pricing" carbon, i.e. carbon trading. Al Gore, known for his 2006 documentary *An Inconvenient Truth*, has long been the financial oligarchy's climate propagandist. Al Gore runs Generation Investment Management (GIM), a London-headquartered investment management firm, with Senior Partner David Blood, a former Goldman Sachs CEO. GIM's founding members include Mark Ferguson, former co-head of pan-European research at Goldman Sachs Asset Management, and Peter Harris, former head of Goldman Sachs Assets Management international operations. The purpose of the "Blood and Gore" investment firm is to make a killing off financial speculation in "emissions trading" and other "green" scams.

It's no coincidence that Malcolm Turnbull, former Goldman Sachs Australia boss, was a long-time emissions trading advocate once he transitioned to politics.

On a positive note, the SR15 report is at least somewhat open to nuclear power: "Nuclear power increases its share in most 1.5 degree pathways by 2050." This is based on an estimated 2.5 times expansion in nuclear generation. This would help offset some of the enormous damage to the economy which its overall agenda demands. It's time real science is understood before we destroy the economy and leave a bleak future for the coming generations.