

Dear Professor,

I am yet to be convinced that humans are the major cause of climate change. Yes, climate change is occurring but do we really think that we mere mortals are the major cause. Climate change has occurred in the past, well before humans polluted the atmosphere, and will occur in the future well beyond the extinction of human life.

CO₂ is < 5% of the greenhouse gases in Earth's atmosphere and of that 5% we humans contribute < 5%, some say only 2%!!!!. That equates to < 0.25% greenhouse gas contribution by we humans via CO₂. This is an insignificant amount and we should look for other factors which are contributing to global warming before we rush into some politically driven solution fuelled by some fairly dicey scientific analysis.

This push towards CO₂ reduction looks to be a futile exercise. China is currently building coal-driven power stations at an almost unimaginable rate. Unless the major countries like US, China and India are on board any effort by Australia to reduce carbon emissions will be insignificant and detrimental to our economic standard.

Regards,

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PS The latest politically driven scheme is the desalination plant in Sydney – (yes Sydney which has almost double the rainfall of London yet only 40% of its population !!)