

Press Release – Viscount Monckton visit to Wagga Wagga

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Climate Rescue of Wagga Inc. spokesperson Stephen James suggested that Viscount Monckton's claims regarding climate change might begin to be credible if he could adequately answer questions such as the following:

- His message to “Do nothing” about climate change implies that Australia should continue to mine coal and gas at large scales. Is he in favour of the recent expansion in coal seam gas mining in NSW and Queensland?
- Is he comfortable that a prospecting company, Dart Energy, at one stage applied for a prospecting authority for coal seam gas, with its western border right through Wagga Wagga?
- Does he believe coal mining companies should stop expansion through farmlands?
- How could it be that literally dozens of academies of science and climate research institutes have stated that human activities are causing significant and hazardous climate change, yet he maintains the opposite?
- Could he name any reputable scientific organisation that supports his claim that human activities are not causing hazardous climate change?
- Viscount Monckton maintains that Australia and the UK are mistaken to have greenhouse gas reduction schemes. About 50 nations and states around the world also have or will soon have greenhouse gas reduction schemes. Are they all mistaken?
- Could he publish accounts to show clearly who is funding his visit to Australia?

For more information please contact The Australian Academy of Science for example or if you must, Stephen James, Climate Rescue of Wagga Inc., 0429 653 968

References

Coal seam gas

<http://theconversation.edu.au/going-slow-on-csg-makes-economic-sense-6085>

We have had little more than 10 years' experience with CSG. However individual wells may operate for up 40 years, and future development will dwarf what we have seen to this point. The scale of planned CSG development and its cumulative impacts on the environment are far beyond anything yet experienced.

CSG near Wagga Wagga

The Daily Advertiser, February 15th, 2013.

Coal mining and farmland

<http://theconversation.edu.au/farms-mines-and-foreign-ownership-a-case-for-regulation-in-the-national-interest-2107>

The Shenhua Watermark project is planned to provide coal for 30 years. The agricultural land it will destroy – some of the finest in the world – could grow food for millennia. It is effectively irreplaceable. ... The National Food Plan should do more than “encourage”. It should require state governments to preserve our best agricultural land as an investment in the future.

Opinion of scientific academies and institutes

Australian Academy of Science: <http://www.science.org.au/>

Wikipedia: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scientific_opinion_on_climate_change

The **scientific opinion on climate change** is that the Earth's [climate system](#) is unequivocally warming, and it is more than 90% certain that humans are causing it through activities that increase concentrations of [greenhouse gases](#) in the atmosphere, such as [deforestation](#) and burning [fossil fuels](#).

Other countries greenhouse gas reduction schemes

Source: http://climatecommission.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/climatecommission_internationalReport_20120821.pdf

The Climate Commission says by 2013, 33 countries and 18 sub-national jurisdictions will have a carbon price in place. These schemes could be expected to cover around 850 million people, around 30 per cent of the global economy and around 20 per cent of global emissions.