



MONTHLY UPDATES



CLIMATE CHANGE (February 2024)



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- ★ **“Climate Department Concedes Difficulty in Measuring Long Term ‘Health Risks’ From Climate Change”**
“Australia’s Climate Change Department has conceded that trying to measure the exact long-term harms individuals may suffer from climate change policy is difficult. During a Senate Committee hearing into a possible amendment to the Climate Change Act 2022, Labor Senator Karen Grogan probed witnesses throughout the day on what practical methods could be used to measure the health impacts of warming global temperatures.”
* www.theepochtimes.com/world/climate-department-concedes-difficulty-in-measuring-long-term-health-risks-from-climate-change-5592605
- **“Inquiry Ponders How Government Can Legislate Against Climate Change Health Risks”**
“Questions remain over how exactly the federal Australian government can define, and legislate, a climate change risk to the “health and wellbeing” of children. A Senate Committee is examining an amendment to the Albanese government’s Climate Change Act 2022 to require legislators to consider the health of children when making significant decisions. The Climate Change Amendment (Duty of Care and Intergenerational Climate Equity) Bill 2023 would also restrict approvals for mining activities related to coal, oil, and natural resources if they pose a “material risk of harm” to children.”
* www.theepochtimes.com/world/inquiry-ponders-how-government-can-legislate-against-climate-change-health-risks-5592318
- **“Faulty Evidence Is Fueling the Climate Change Narrative”**
“According to corporate media, the world is hotter than it has ever been, and we’re supposedly experiencing the hottest days in human history. However, the data behind this narrative is actually based on faulty evidence. We speak to Daniel Turner, founder of Power the Future, about the big climate change lie—and how money is what’s actually driving the green agenda.”
* www.theepochtimes.com/epochtv/faulty-evidence-is-fueling-the-climate-change-narrative-daniel-turner-5592033
- **“Dr Peter Ridd - Culture Wars on the Great Barrier Reef” (IPA Academy)**
“Statistics from the Australian Institute of Marine Science show that the Great Barrier Reef has more coral in the last two years than at any time since records began. Is it possible that much of what is often stated about the Great Barrier Reef, especially its bleak future, is not accurate? If not, how has this occurred and is the Great Barrier Reef being used as an excuse to make legislation that is not justified? At IPA Academy 2024, Dr Peter Ridd delves into these questions and shows how alleged poor health and threats to the Reef are overstated for political purposes, which raises important questions about the credibility of our scientific institutions.”
* youtu.be/Zd_nAxV4aW4
TRANSCRIPT: youtu.be/Zd_nAxV4aW4
- **“Spending Hundreds of Millions to Make a 0.1 Percent Different to the Great Barrier Reef”**
“Australia’s federal government has thrown the barramundi fishing industry to the sharks as part of the blackmail payout to UNESCO to stop the organisation listing the Great Barrier Reef as “endangered.”

However, UNESCO will be back in a few years for another payout—that’s what blackmailers do. Hard-working Aussie fishermen, and all the people who depend on them, are about to suffer severe restrictions on their production. And all based on dubious science. The barramundi fishery mostly operates in the creeks and rivers, or very close to shore. Our out-of-touch government ministers have never explained how catching a barra in a creek somehow damages the Reef, which is far from shore—mostly 40 to 100 kilometers (25 to 62 miles). But worse is to come as governments cast their net further afield. As part of the UNESCO demands, the federal government has announced that it is now restricting fishing in the southern Gulf of Carpentaria to “save the Reef”.

* www.theepochtimes.com/opinion/spending-millions-on-making-a-0-1-percent-different-to-the-great-barrier-reef-5587687

- **“Renowned climate scientist Michael E. Mann on what ‘doomers’ get wrong ”**

“[There’s] the observation that the primary obstacle to action on climate change no longer seems to be denial; it’s the idea that we lack agency, doomism: ‘It’s too late to prevent catastrophic, runaway warming and the extinction of all life.’ There are a lot of people who think that the science supports this view, but it doesn’t.”

* yaleclimateconnections.org/2023/09/renowned-climate-scientist-michael-e-mann-on-what-doomers-get-wrong

BOOK: www.amazon.com.au/Our-Fragile-Moment-lessons-survive-ebook/dp/B0BWKDS574

- **“New Heartland Study Shows 96 Percent of NOAA Surface Temperature Station Data Is Corrupted”**

“A new study from The Heartland Institute finds roughly 96 percent of the temperature stations in the United States used to measure climate change fail to meet the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s (NOAA) standards for acceptable and uncorrupted placement.”

* heartland.org/publications/research-commentary-new-heartland-study-shows-96-percent-of-noaa-surface-temperature-station-data-is-corrupted/

REPORT: heartland.org/wp-content/uploads/documents/2022_Surface_Station_Report.pdf

- **“UN Says Melting Arctic Ice is a Key Indicator of Climate Change—But It’s Not Melting”**

“A new report by Allan Astrup Jensen, research director and CEO at the Nordic Institute of Product Sustainability and Environmental Chemistry and Toxicology in Denmark, shows that from September 2007 through September 2023, Arctic sea ice declines were near zero.”

* www.theepochtimes.com/article/un-says-melting-arctic-ice-is-a-key-indicator-of-climate-change-but-its-not-melting-5580038

REPORT: scienceofclimatechange.org/wp-content/uploads/Astrup-Jensen-2023-Time-Trend-Arctic-Sea-Ice.pdf

- **“Yes, more carbon dioxide in the atmosphere helps plants grow, but it’s no excuse to downplay climate change”**

“The alarming rate of carbon dioxide flowing into our atmosphere is affecting plant life in interesting ways – but perhaps not in the way you’d expect. Despite large losses of vegetation to land clearing, drought and wildfires, carbon dioxide is absorbed and stored in vegetation and soils at a growing rate. This is called the “land carbon sink”, a term describing how vegetation and soils around the world absorb more carbon dioxide from photosynthesis than they release. And over the past 50 years, the sink (the difference between uptake and release of carbon dioxide by those plants) has been increasing, absorbing at least a quarter of human emissions in an average year. The sink is getting larger because of a rapid increase in plant photosynthesis, and our new research shows rising carbon dioxide concentrations largely drive this increase.”

* theconversation.com/yes-more-carbon-dioxide-in-the-atmosphere-helps-plants-grow-but-its-no-excuse-to-downplay-climate-change-130603

REPORT: www.nature.com/articles/nature22030

- **“Study: Global plant growth surging alongside carbon dioxide”**

“A trace gas present in the atmosphere in miniscule amounts is helping scientists answer one of the biggest questions out there: Has plant growth increased alongside rising levels of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere? It turns out the answer is Yes – in a big way. A new study published in the April 6 edition of the journal Nature concludes that as emissions of carbon dioxide from burning fossil fuels have increased

since the start of the 20th century, plants around the world are utilizing 30 percent more carbon dioxide (CO₂), spurring plant growth. In 2007, NOAA scientist Stephen Montzka wrote a pivotal paper that identified the trace gas, carbonyl sulfide, as a key to estimating how much CO₂ plants are taking in as they grow.”

* www.noaa.gov/news/study-global-plant-growth-surging-alongside-carbon-dioxide

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