

Letter to the Editor - 22 June 2009

I must say that Gregory Benvenuti's letter "A lesson in the scientific method" (Kalgoorlie Miner, June 20), in which he took Graeme Campbell to task for daring to question the "consensus" view of some scientists on climate change, was a bit too much to swallow.

Firstly, Mr Benvenuti appeared to take great exception to the fact that Mr Campbell has encouraged local educational facilities to "use a deeply flawed book for educational purposes". The book of which he speaks, is Professor Ian Plimer's work "Heaven and Earth", which soundly debunks many of the myths of climate change.

Please excuse me, Mr Benvenuti, if I appear to be under educated in matters of science, but isn't it supposed to be a good thing for us to not just simply sit by and blindly accept everything we are told, but to question it and debate it?

I for one do not blindly accept the Climate Change religion being pushed down our throats by Al Gore, Kevin Rudd and Penny Wong. I welcome a debate on the issue.

I certainly do not believe that we should be sacrificing our economic future through the introduction of an emissions trading scheme (ETS), just because we THINK that human beings MIGHT be altering the environment through carbon emissions.

I want to see a full and frank debate.

Secondly, did Mr Benvenuti get as worked up about Al Gore's highly discredited movie "An Inconvenient Truth" as he has done over Professor Plimer's book? To the best of my knowledge Professor Plimer is a highly distinguished Geologist who is well placed to speak on the issue, while Al Gore's qualification is in "Government Studies" from Yale University. I think I know which of the two has greater credibility and standing to speak on the issue of climate change - and it definitely isn't Al Gore.

Finally, it appears to be the case that many people who have become acolytes of this new global warming religion, are all too quick to claim that there is a "consensus view" on the issue among scientists, and accuse those who disagree with them of being non believers or "climate change deniers". However, this ignores the simple fact that there are just as many scientists who disagree with the climate change theory as there are who agree with it. Hardly a "consensus" view I would have thought!

Further, in response to Mr Benvenuti putting his age (31) next to his name. I

might add, that I too am 31 years of age, and have just as much of an interest in the future of this country. And that is exactly why I will not blindly accept the new climate change religion, and just happily sacrifice our economic future. Like all other theories, this one needs to be challenged just as Professor Plimer and Graeme Campbell have quite rightly done.

Kind Regards

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