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Scoop.co.nz - [Scientists proclaim climate change is natural](#)

*Welcome to the land of Oz Kiwis, just ignore that man behind the curtain... *SIGH* One of my degrees is from Monash. It used to be a reputable University.*

As the Rudd government geared up its push for a CO2 cap-and-trade emissions trading scheme (ETS), which would annihilate what's left of Australia's collapsing physical economy, a public symposium last Sunday heard evidence from several leading Australian scientists that climate change is a natural phenomenon.

The symposium, ignored by the lying mainstream media, was held at Monash University and convened by Emeritus Professor Lance Endersbee. Several scientists identified hard evidence that severe cooling is the biggest climate challenge that we face —and its cause is entirely natural.

Brisbane Times - [Bligh makes pledge on Waratah coal mine](#)

Premier Anna Bligh has endorsed a proposal to create Australia's largest thermal coal mine in central Queensland.

ABC - [Wong concedes climate target error](#)

The Federal Government has admitted that a crucial mistake was made in announcing its new carbon emission reduction targets.

SMH - [WA government to prosecute Apache Energy](#)

The West Australian government will prosecute oil and gas producer Apache Energy for failing to maintain and repair a gas pipeline that exploded last year.

TVNZ - [Solution to climate change, or a whitewash?](#)

Forget the government insulation scheme, Barack Obama's top man on global warming has suggested painting your roof white is the answer to climate change.

Radio NZ - [Price of oil keeps rising](#)

Oil surged past \$US65 per barrel in price on Thursday to a fresh six-month high after OPEC decided to keep output levels unchanged.

The Australian - [Torch on climate mess: political debate heats up](#)

"The most straightforward and efficient approach to reducing carbon emissions -- a carbon tax -- was never seriously considered. Voters do not like to hear the word 'tax' unless it is followed by the word 'cut.'"

So Mr Obama -- like Professor Garnaut and Mr Rudd in Australia -- proposed something "very similar to a carbon tax, albeit slightly more cumbersome".

Stuff.co.nz - [Air NZ could cut bills with biofuel](#)

Air New Zealand could save up to 1.4 tonnes of fuel on a typical long-haul flight using a Boeing 747-400 if it was powered by a blended biofuel mix.

Tone - [IT industry accused of failing to deliver climate change solutions](#)

According to results from the Greenpeace Cool IT Challenge, the IT industry could easily reduce its green house gas emissions, but is currently failing in the challenge.

The Australian - [Politics trumps policy in new ETS argument](#)

YOU can take the apparatchik out of the ACTU but you can't take tough tactics out of the gamebook of union officials, even after they enter parliament. On Wednesday, former ACTU chief and present Climate Change Parliamentary Secretary Greg Combet warned the mining industry to carefully consider its response to the Opposition's refusal to immediately pass the Government's climate change legislation. This is passing strange, given the conservatives were considering a very similar scheme when in government and Malcolm Turnbull has endorsed the Government's targets, demurring only at the date of its introduction. But none of this cuts any ice with Mr Combet, who says the Government's promise to compensate polluting industries for at least five years, whatever the Copenhagen conference on climate change in December decides, might not apply if the emissions trading scheme is rewritten after then.

Stuff.co.nz - [Fuel cell technology way of future](#)

Electric or solar-powered water taxis, ferries, bus and trains are the shape of North Shore's next generation public transport systems, says a group of Massey University students.

News.com.au - [Climate change to kill coastal tourist attractions](#)

SUPER cyclones. Heatwaves. Catastrophic coastal flooding in north Queensland. Ski slopes with no snow.

This is the grim scenario being laid out as a warning to Australian tourism leaders as they plan strategies for the industry's survival over the next 40 years.

Some Australian and international scientists believe tourism will be critically affected by climate change from as early as 2030.

The Australian - [Vitriolic climate in academic hothouse](#)

The first 50 parts per million of CO₂ operates as a powerful greenhouse gas. After that, CO₂ has done its job, which is why there has been no runaway greenhouse in the past when CO₂ was far higher.

During previous times of high CO₂, there were climate cycles driven by galactic forces, the sun, Earth's orbit, tides and random events such as volcanoes. These forces still operate. Why should such forces disappear just because we humans live on Earth?

Fluid Handling - [SWSP and BOC propose LNG fuel for vehicles in Victoria's south west](#)

THE SOUTH West Sustainability Partnership (SWSP), along with BOC and Victoria's regional transport companies, is proposing a \$150m project which will see more than 120 heavy vehicles in the state's south west running on liquefied natural gas (LNG).

Proactive Investors - [Bounty Oil & Gas to get set with drill rig for Pep 11 well, Sydney Basin](#)

Investors looking to get set for the drilling of the the Fish Prospect in PEP 11 project in offshore Sydney Basin - Bounty Oil & Gas N.L. (ASX: BUY) a 75% interest - will not have to wait much longer. A drilling rig tender process for the well has commenced. Well design work has been completed to undertake a drill test of in PEP 11, and a tender has begun for the provision of a jackup drilling rig for that drill test.



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