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Herald Sun - [Oil's more distant future](#)

THE credible forecast of \$US200 oil and the latest trade figures provided an important and instructive footnote to the Reserve Bank's formal abandonment of the 'Rory clause'.

Apart from, that's the oil price forecast, carrying an ominous but confusingly complicated message on petrol prices - fortunately, five years or more into the future.

Radio NZ - [NGO says Pacific Forum fails on climate change and trade](#)

Oxfam New Zealand says the concerns of Pacific Island countries are not reflected in the outcomes of the leaders' summit in Cairns.

Over the two key issues before the summit, the leaders agreed to immediately begin negotiations on a trade deal in goods and services, PACER - PLUS, and want developed countries to cut greenhouse gases by 50 percent by 2050.

But this comes against calls for a delay in the trade negotiations to allow the island countries to consult internally, while the small countries had called for far more substantial emission cuts.

The Australian - [BHP to resume operations at Hay Point Coal terminal](#)

BHP Billiton Mitsubishi Alliance will resume normal operations at Hay Point coal export terminal in northeast Queensland after they were disrupted by Greenpeace protesters.

The Australian - [\\$50m for Pacific climate](#)

AUSTRALIA is to spend \$4.3 million upgrading stations which monitor sea levels across the Pacific.

Climate change has been the hot topic at the annual Pacific Islands Forum, held this week in Cairns.

Climate Change Minister Penny Wong has released more details of how \$50 million in previously-announced climate funding for Pacific nations is to be spent.

As well as money for the sea level stations, \$6 million will go towards adapting fisheries and crops to climate change.

TV NZ - [Auckland public transport use hits a high](#)

The figures come shortly after the planned regional fuel tax to fund further public transport development was canned by the government.

It has also prioritised new road projects such as the Newmarket Viaduct upgrade and Victoria Park Tunnel and the Western Ring Route.

NZ Herald - [Kiwi takes climate hotseat for Deloitte](#)

The irony of criss-crossing the world in carbon-emitting aircraft as he advises clients on how to move to a low-carbon economy is not lost on Nick Main.

NZ Herald - [Editorial: Seize chance to lead way on climate change](#)

Over the years, there has been much debate over where this country should position itself in its response to climate change. Should it place itself in the vanguard of countries by setting ambitious greenhouse gas emissions targets? Should it play it safe and become what the New Zealand Institute once described as a fast follower? Or should we be timid in the belief that self-sacrifice would be futile, especially when our economic base provides grounds for special pleading? The question is again relevant as the Government prepares to name the emissions target for 2020 that it will take later this year to Copenhagen, where a climate treaty to succeed the 1997 Kyoto Protocol is set to be negotiated.

ABC - [Govt 'playing politics' with climate bill](#)

Federal Climate Change Minister Penny Wong is resisting pressure to separate the renewable energy target from the Government's emissions trading scheme legislation.

Ourier Mail - [Transport use booms but reliability of buses queried](#)

PUBLIC satisfaction with buses has fallen, with reliability and efficiency dropping to their lowest level in a year, says a new survey.

The latest customer satisfaction survey released publicly today, the TransLink Tracker, shows buses are considered the southeast's most unreliable and inefficient form of public

transport

ABC - [Cougar seeks coal seam gasification nod](#)

Cougar Energy says it will ask for Queensland Government approval to go ahead with full-scale underground coal seam gasification in the South Burnett, in the state's south-east.

WA Today - [Rural people need climate help: alliance](#)

Rural communities need more help to cope with climate change, the federal government has been told.

The Australian - [Why not trade our way out of the climate crisis?](#)

It has been conventional wisdom among experienced trade negotiators not to link concessions on trade policy to changes in other policy areas, such as national security. But we are talking here about issues that are economic in nature. The linkage is heightened by attempts to use environmental issues to justify the erection of green barriers to trade with environmentally recalcitrant nations or industry sectors. We need to head off firmly once and for all such growth-reducing practices.

Mackay Daily Mercury - [Talbot predicts strong coal future](#)

The economic downturn that has been on the quills of every pen for the past six months is showing signs of abating and even while experts are still unsure about what the future holds, all signs point to good news.

Former head of Macarthur Coal and mining magnate Ken Talbot is reported as telling a mining conference this week that the global economy would almost certainly exceed "pre-crash levels", adding that "the next boom would be even stronger than the last one".

Radio NZ - [Climate change may trigger conflict, says UN diplomat](#)

Ajay Chhibber, the head of the United Nations Development Programme for Asia and the Pacific, says climate change represents a significant threat to human security.

NZ National Business Review - [Electric cars to be exempt from road user charges](#)

Electric cars will be exempt from road user charges for four years under legislation

Gizmag - [World's first commercial fuel cell Unmanned Aerial System](#)

Hydrogen-electric powered UAS will bring important new capabilities - reduced acoustic signature, smaller size, as well as increased effectiveness in increasingly important persistent intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (ISR) missions. Where battery performance limits the effective use of these promising systems, Horizon's next-generation fuel cell power systems will improve versatility and open new mission possibilities for small aircraft such as BlueBird's Boomerang UAS. In addition to increasing flight endurance, Horizon's new fuel cell system also makes it possible to increase the capability of smaller and lower cost aircraft by integrating more power draining electronic devices, such as electro-optical sensors, infrared cameras and laser designators.



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