

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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The Planet is Not Burning, and Carbon Capture is a Scam

This letter is in response to letters by Joslyn Sharp and Robert M. Macrae that were published in the Trail Times, May 5, 2022 ('Skeptical as the planet burns' - Sharp, and 'Carbon capture: sustainable or scam?' - Macrae).

I agree with Sharp that we must "act to save our planet as a hospitable home for our grandchildren" and that "we need to move forward with the best scientific information....".

Moreover, we must take care of the environment without destroying the modern, industrial economy that is dependent upon access to fossil fuels.

Furthermore, we must not fall victim to false prophets of doom nor be misled by politicians that want to control the populace "by menacing it with an endless series of hobgoblins, all of them imaginary." (H.L. Mencken)

The current 'pandemic' of climate alarmism started in the 1970s with the fear of global cooling. This narrative soon evolved into the fear of man-made global warming and was formally launched by the UN's 'Framework Convention on Climate Change' at the 1992 Rio de Janeiro Earth Summit.

Thirty years later and despite a record of failed climate predictions, global-warming alarmism perseveres but under a new label: "Climate Change ". Astonishingly, the alarmists accuse man-made carbon dioxide (aka "CO2", "carbon emission") for causing a climate emergency.

Consequently, we have been witnessing a war on coal, oil, and natural gas ("fossil fuels"), which are the primary sources of man-made CO2.

In support of this war, Macrae reports that the cost of wind and solar power is less than half the cost of electricity from a coal-fired power plant. If this were true, then why are countries such as China and India expanding their grids with coal-fired power plants?

The war has now escalated to a direct attack on CO2. As many as 30 carbon-

capture-storage facilities are now operational with many more being planned, including the development of technology to accelerate the natural sequestration of CO₂ in the oceans.

Clearly, carbon capture is a scam but not for the reason cited by Macrae. It is a scam because the "best scientific information" reveals that the oceans are already absorbing an amount equal to 98 percent of our carbon emissions.

Carbon capture is not only a redundant activity, it is also an existential threat. CO₂ is as important as sunlight, water, and oxygen in sustaining all life on the planet

Climate change is real and has been occurring since the beginning of time. It now appears that we may be experiencing a cooling trend, having enjoyed rising temperatures since the depths of the Little Ice Age - the Maunder Solar Minimum 1645 to 1715.

Fossil fuels are not only essential in supporting an industrial economy but are also vital for a modern society to survive a period of global cooling. The West appears to be living in a virtual world of "levelized costs" and fatally flawed climate models; that is, a world that is completely divorced from reality.

According Dr. Patrick Moore, a net-zero carbon agenda is suicidal! "After 40 years of dire predictions, there is certainly no emergency."

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