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Voxy - [Carbon Footprint Study Ultimate Example Of Idiocy Of Climate Hysteria](#)
what's up with New Zealander news today?

The announcement yesterday by Zespri of the results of a carbon footprint study have been described as "the ultimate example of the idiocy of climate hysteria." The New Zealand Climate Science Coalition said that study completely ignores the volume of carbon dioxide (CO₂) absorbed by kiwifruit vines in their annual growth cycles, which may well offset most if not all of the CO₂ emitted in subsequent activities reported in the study.

NZ Herald - [Chris de Freitas: We need to be listening to science.](#)
As long as it is the right science.

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The Sun was more active during much of the 20th century than it was for the previous 1000 years. Now, however, the trend appears to have reversed.

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No one knows for sure what the future holds, but there are some good clues as to what's going on. It hinges on growing evidence that natural influences on climate are in fact stronger than any man-made greenhouse effect.

The Australian - [Free fuel and taxis for WA pensioners](#)
I swear I'm not making this stuff up.

RURAL pensioners will begin to receive free petrol within days as the West Australian Government hands out thousands of \$500 fuel cards to elderly people in regional areas.

TV NZ - [Zespri considers giant kites to ship fruit](#)

Giant kites that help propel cargo ships is one initiative Zespri International is looking at to reduce the carbon footprint of kiwifruit.

SMH - [Plan says to stockpile but officials say don't panic](#)

It is worth remembering that stores typically only carry 3-5 days of inventory, so if even a third of Australians went out tomorrow and tried to buy 14 days of supplies....well there would be scraps over the last bag of rice before the day was through.

The Federal Government's pandemic plan, a 132-page manual issued to medics, media and the public, insists that once the world reaches phase five, Australians should stock their pantries with food and bottled water to last 14 days, check on elderly neighbours and put emergency numbers by the phone.

But yesterday a spokesman for the Department of Health and Ageing called for calm, saying the Government did not want to spark panic buying - ignoring its own plan, already issued to hospitals across the nation.

"I agree that is it confusing," the spokesman said, admitting he had not read the pandemic plan despite being employed to answer questions about it from national media. "The manual may say people should be preparing but we don't want a run at the shops," he said.

Online Opinion - [Oil and the lucky country](#)

Australia has a reputation as being the "lucky country". I am a firm believer that "luck" is simply where preparation meets opportunity. In other words, being lucky is no accident. If we are to remain the "lucky country" however, we need to adapt as circumstances change. Nowhere is this more pertinent than in adapting to Australia's future oil supply.

ABC - [New energy industry targets welcomed](#)

The Tasmanian Premier says plans to reintroduce renewable energy targets will have a massive effect on hundreds of millions of dollars of stalled projects in the state.

ABC - [Oil, coal industries cry foul on ETS](#)

The Australian Coal Association has told a Senate inquiry that the Federal Government's emissions trading scheme will cost the industry \$5 billion in its first five years.

ABC - [Climate scientists call for coal power stations' closure](#)

Six off Australia's leading climate change scientists have written to the coal industry, telling them to shut down power stations and take responsibility for their environmental damage.

ABC - [Government vows to pass climate change scheme](#)

PETER CAVE: The Senate debate on the Government's scheme to tackle climate change is drawing close and with every day the Government is being squeezed harder and harder by forces on all sides of the political spectrum.

The Opposition says it has new evidence that the scheme is deeply flawed, it will hurt industry and cost jobs and may not be the best way of cutting carbon pollution anyway. And the Greens say the Government's scheme is economic lunacy because it won't do enough.

The Climate Change Minister Penny Wong is fighting on. She says the Government is still determined to get its plan through the Senate this winter.

Voxy NZ - [New Dating Method Shows Glaciers Out Of Sync, Scientists Find'](#)

1 MAY 2009 - Scientists have gained new insights to global climate patterns from the advances and retreats of glaciers in the Mount Cook region over the past 7000 years.

Glaciers are sensitive indicators of changing climate. They become shorter when the climate warms, and lengthen when it cools.

Former positions of glaciers are marked by moraines ? mounds of rock debris dumped at the front and sides of the ice tongue. The age of a moraine can tell scientists when the glacier was last at that location.

But until now, it has been difficult to reliably measure the age of a moraine.

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The dating reveals no simple pattern of variation. Some warm periods in Europe coincide with well-advanced glaciers in New Zealand. At other times, glaciers were well advanced in both areas.

This challenged some widely held beliefs about the global climate system and how it functions, said geologist David Barrell of GNS Science, one of the three New Zealanders involved in the project.

Scoop.co.nz - [SMELLIE SNIFFS THE BREEZE: Are you scared yet?](#)

If those stars all align, then things will slowly return to something more stable and there will be growth although the rich world may never quite go shopping the way it did over the last 20 years.

So it won't be spectacular and it will have to include some evening of the imbalance between global rich and poor which will see today's poor spend and have more, while the gluttons cut back.

That, essentially, is the guts of the climate change deal that must be concluded this year, and which has been so overshadowed by the financial crisis.

Otago Daily Times - [Change is needed, climate scientist says](#)

Mr McKibben is an unashamed bearer of bad tidings, and his penchant for turning off lights in his home had caused his daughter to refer to him as "the Dark Lord".

Herald Sun - [Sewage undergoes green makeover](#)

Wow. If we are a "world leader" the world ain't lookin' too flash....

Mr Young also said Australia was seen as a world leader on adaptation to climate change with pushes towards recycled water, conservation programs, low-flow shower heads and labelling on white goods.



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