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Stuff.co.nz - [Four Reasons Why Copenhagen Failed](#)

The Copenhagen global summit on climate change in December was "the worst international conference I have ever attended", says Climate Change Negotiations Minister Tim Groser.

He predicts there will be no agreement on a new global climate deal, while the current negotiating structure is in place.

Groser says Copenhagen failed for some basic reasons that had always made him doubtful it could succeed. That's despite there being consensus among the world's largest developed and developing countries that a global deal on climate change is vital.

"You have to say that the frustrating thing about Copenhagen was the complete inability of the political process to capture that high-level consensus," he said.

Coffs Coast Advocate - [Those against new development](#)

"This is a complete contradiction of the council's commitment to mitigating the effects of climate change and peak oil."

The Daily Reckoning - [Goldman Calling For US\\$100 oil by 2011](#)

But life is not a textbook. And finding oil and producing large deposits of oil cheaply is not an academic exercise. The 'Peak Oil' theory is often deliberately mischaracterised by its opponents as concluding that the world is "running out of oil." But that's not the case.

The world is running out of cheap, easy-to-find, inexpensive to produce, and easy to refine oil. There is plenty of oil. But is it "economic" oil? Well the answer to that is no! Whether it's political risk (where supply is artificially tight because of regimes unfriendly to U.S. or Western interests), or it's just several miles under the surface of the ocean, finding and pumping oil to meet the world's 85 million barrel per day demand is not an easy task.

Stock and Land - [Peak phosphorous: mankind's latest threat](#)

SOME believe that dwindling supplies of potable water is humanity's great resource challenge; others think it is the imminent prospect of "peak oil".

But an equally important milestone in modern history will be an inevitable tightening of global supplies of phosphorus.

Inside Waste - [The organic base](#)

The issues of 'peak oil', of 'peak phosphorus' and other matters of assumed criticality are all indicators of our humble human need to replace one problem with another by addressing only the symptoms of our disease.

In the same way that 'peak oil' tells us that we have been too reliant on an unsustainable supply of oil, 'peak phosphorus' tells us that we have relied for too long on industrial chemical farming.

Reseller News - [Legal developments in store for IT in 2010](#)

Welcome back to work. As for happy new year, if you thought 2009 gave us a number of legal developments that affected the IT industry, then you ain't seen nothing yet. 2010 is likely to see even more law, new legal developments and reviews of existing laws that impact on the IT industry.

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Neither is global warming, together with the various schemes that attempt to deal with it. Media coverage of the 2009 UN Climate Change Summit in Copenhagen shows that emissions trading and climate change are issues that will continue to impact all industries including high-tech manufactured goods. Local development of laws regulating carbon emissions and regulating trading of rights to emit carbon will continue. It will affect us all, directly or indirectly.

Radio NZ - [Bidding open for oil and gas exploration](#)

The Government is offering six new permits to drill for oil and gas across the Reinga Basin, off the northwest coast.

The Australian - [Greens propose \\$20bn tax on carbon](#)

THE Greens have called on the government to back a two-year \$20 billion interim carbon tax proposal to start cutting greenhouse gas emissions before a decision on the emissions trading scheme or any global agreement on targets.

Adelaide Now - [PM tilts towards Green scheme](#)

KEVIN Rudd has indicated the Government may swing its hopes to the Greens to get an

emissions trading scheme through, now that the Opposition has switched to Tony Abbott's hardline climate change policy.

In Adelaide yesterday, the Prime Minister said he would look at a proposed compromise plan put up by the Greens for a partial emissions trading scheme to begin on July 1

Courier Mail - [China's economy headed for bubble](#)

FEARS that China's booming economy will overheat continue to mount after the Asian powerhouse cast off the shackles of the global recession and returned to double-digit economic growth.

While most developed world economies shunted into reverse and Australia's GDP growth just held its head above water, China yesterday posted growth of 8.7 per cent in 2009.

ABC - [Energy company asks for permission to increase power prices](#)

Energy distributor SP AusNet says customers should not be left out of pocket by its plans to charge more for power over peak summer periods.

The company is asking for permission from the energy regulator to charge customers 42 cents per kilowatt hour during periods of peak demand.

Customers currently pay just eight cents per kilowatt hour.

ABC - [Fears energy target to cost jobs](#)

Portland's Keppel Prince is calling on the Opposition's energy spokesman, Nick Minchin, to convince the Federal Government to change the Renewable Energy Target, which it says is threatening jobs.



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