

MR MORGAN'S COVER NOTE TO COLUMNIST CORMACK

OK David – you've had your emotional rant.

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Now please calm down and be a bit more rational.

Yes, the climate changes – it's doing so all the time – and there is much evidence that this is so!

However, the term “climate change” is a very convenient euphemism, deliberately chosen as a replacement for “dangerous anthropogenic global warming” – deemed by some climate scientists to be caused by mankind's increasing emissions of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere.

Nevertheless, despite the billions – maybe trillions – of dollars spent around our planet on climate research, the fact remains that so far there has been no verifiable scientific evidence produced to show that carbon dioxide – whether emitted by mankind or by natural degassing from the oceans or volcanoes – has any significant effect on our planet's climate.

Attached is a collection of correspondence between the Environomics NZ Trust and the Prime Minister's Chief Science Adviser, Professor Juliet Gerrard, and her office. This reveals that Professor Gerrard, when asked, was unable to provide any verifiable physical evidence that increasing atmospheric concentrations of carbon dioxide from whatever source were having any significant effect on our planet's mean temperature.

It should be noted that the output of a mathematical model run on a computer is not physical evidence. Such outputs are subject to the adage “garbage in – garbage out”, which has the well-known acronym GIGO.

It should also be noted that Professor Gerrard is not alone in being unable to provide such evidence. When asked, neither could the IPCC, nor the UK's Royal Society, nor the Royal Society of New Zealand, nor countless people, including climate scientists, I have personally asked over the last 30 or so years.