

# Re: New Zealanders now laughing at global warming

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In article <464e54ac\$0\$21929\$157c6196@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, "Dr. Dweeb" <spam@xxxxxxxx> writes:

ultradwc@xxxxxxxx wrote:

<http://www.stuff.co.nz/timaruherald/4064691a6571.html>

Naturally. This is the position of all those capable of reading the science and who do not have a vested interest in the promulgation of the politically correct (but scientifically, totally unsupportable) line.

AGW is irrelevant, on a global scale.

There are so many environmental issues which *\*are\** relevant and which can be addressed, that it is truly sadening to see the obsession with the pointless and unrelevant (CO2 volume) issue. It is based on non-science and detracts from the real issues at hand. :(

But hey, what do I know, my mentors in this field are merely scientiests with extremely high credibility who have chosen to keep their own counsel. They laugh at Al Gore and his polemic, as I do, and for the same reasons.

You talk like this is something new. This is (and has been) the norm for pseudo-science environmentalism. Looks like time to bring out one of my favorite examples again.

Seems back in the 60's a papermill opened up in Wyoming County, PA. Sportsmen noticed decline in the Susquehanna River below the papermill and immediately started screaming "Pollution!!!" Of course, the owners of the papermill responded with the fact that the discharge water from the plant was actually cleanewr than the water they took in out of the river. As a matter of fact, the executive tour of the plant included the touring manager taking a glass of water directly from the discharge and drinking it as proof that there was nothing hazardous in the water. But, "No", the people said. "Pollution!!!" So they hired some "scientist" from Penn State to prove it. For weeks the local papers

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displayed pictures of her in her hip-boots wading into the river around the plant taking her samples. This went on for months and months and, you know what, she never found any trace of pollution. The water coming out of the plant was, in fact, cleaner than the water they took in from the river. Eventually, the whole thing just went away as people got bored with the lack of results.

Ready for the punch line?

The plant was, in fact, "polluting" the river. The water coming out of the plant was considerably warmer than the natural temperature of the river. This raised the temperature below the plant. This had the effect of causing the fish to swim upstream to spawn later which resulted in the eggs being laid too late in the year for them to hatch and the little fish survive. Interestingly enough, nature dealt with it. The fish learned and changed their habits so that they went back to spawning at the right time and the river is now (and has been for decades) alive with fish and a sportsman's paradise. Lessons learned (well, obviously nothing has been learned, but this is what those willing to learn learned)? Nature will adapt. Man often misses the reality by focusing on the wrong thing. The scientific method has been abandoned in favor of politics which bring in much more grant money.

Oh yeah, this is not a zero sum game. The net result of having this plant is that the river is actually cleaner than it would be without it. Well, at least until it gets to Lackawanna County where the Sanitary Authority dumps raw sewage into it!

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