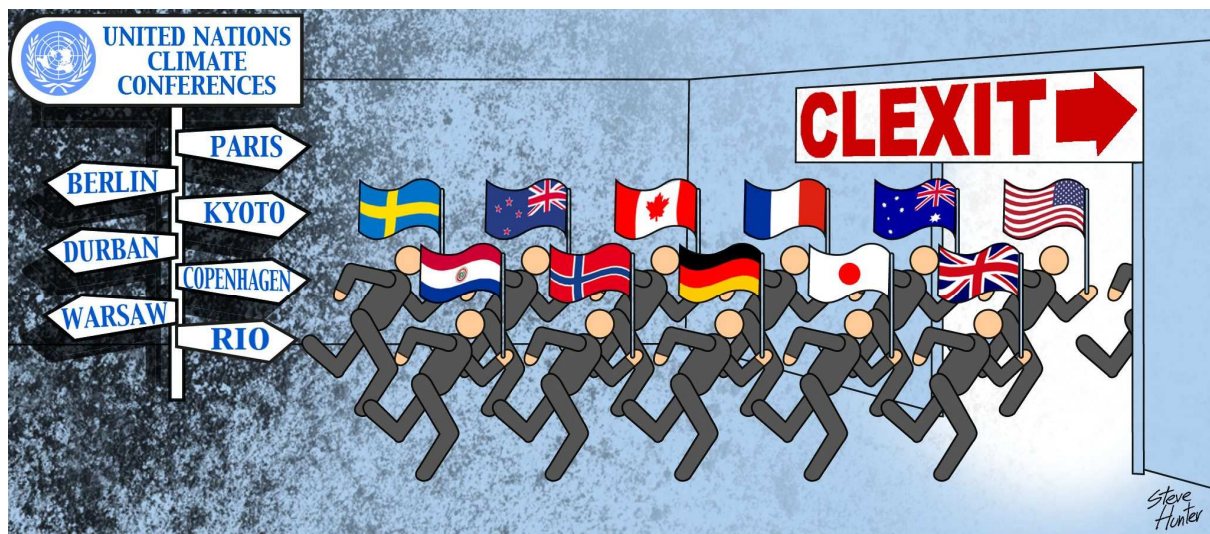


# After Brexit, Clexit

## Harmful, Costly, Unscientific Climate Treaties should be torn up

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“CLEXIT” - THE GREAT ESCAPE

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### **Summary Statement by Viv Forbes, Founding Secretary of Clexit**

A new international organisation aims to prevent ratification of the costly and dangerous Paris global warming treaty which is being promoted by the EU and the present US administration.

“CLEXIT” (CLimate Exit) was inspired by the Brexit decision of the British people to withdraw from the increasingly dictatorial grasp of the EU bureaucracy. Without any publicity or serious recruiting, Clexit has attracted over 60 well-informed science, business and economic leaders from 16 countries.

The secretary of Clexit, Mr Viv Forbes from Australia, said that widespread enforcement of the Paris climate treaty would be a global tragedy. “For the EU and the rest of the Western world, ratification and enforcement of the Paris Treaty (and all the other associated decrees and Agendas) would herald the end of low-cost hydrocarbon transport and electricity, and the exit of their manufacturing, processing and refining industries to countries with low-cost energy.

“For developing countries, the Paris Treaty would deny them the benefits of reliable low-cost hydrocarbon energy, compelling them to rely on biomass heating and costly weather-dependent and unreliable power supplies, thus prolonging and increasing their dependency on international handouts. They will soon resent being told to remain forever in an energy-deprived wind/solar/wood/bicycle economy.

“Perhaps the most insidious feature of the UN climate plan is the “Green Climate Fund”. Under this scheme, selected nations (“The rich”) are marked to pour billions of dollars into a green slush fund. The funds will then be used to bribe other countries (“developing and emerging nations”) into adopting silly green energy policies.

“Naturally some smart politicians and speculators in the BRICS nations (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) and in the small island nations, understand that they can profit from the Paris Treaty by gaming the rules on things like carbon credits, or milking the green fund for “climate compensation” or “green energy technology”. This will only work for a while, and when the handouts stop, the re-adjustment to reality will be very painful.

“This UN-driven war on carbon energy has already caused massive losses and dislocation of western industry. If allowed to continue as envisaged by the Paris Treaty, this economic recession will become a world-wide depression, and all nations will suffer.

“We must stop this futile waste of community savings; cease the destruction and dislocation of human industry; stop killing rare bats and birds with wind turbine blades and solar/thermal sizzlers; stop pelletising trees and shipping them across the world to feed power stations designed to burn coal; stop converting food to motor vehicle fuel; and stop the clearing of bush and forests for biofuel cultivation and plantations.”

“Carbon dioxide does not control the climate. It is an essential plant food and more carbon dioxide will produce more plant growth and a greener globe.”

More detail is given in “*The Clexit Founding Statement*” that follows.

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## ***The Clexit Founding Statement***

If the Paris climate accord is ratified, or enforced locally by compliant governments, it will strangle the leading economies of the world with pointless carbon taxes and costly climate and energy policies, all with no sound basis in evidence or science. These destructive policies are already killing real industry while enriching the huge artificial and parasitical climate-change industry that thrives on bureaucracy, mis-directed government research, law books of costly regulations, never-ending conferences and subsidies for promoters of the failing technologies of renewable energy.

And all the time, government media and their allies dominate the political debate by trumpeting forecasts of doom, endlessly repeating the “right” messages, and making sure that dissident views are censored or ridiculed without right of recourse.

For the EU, their heavily subsidised wind and solar power will always deliver intermittent and erratic supply at great cost. This will produce periodic surges of oversupply which destabilise the grid and temporarily depress electricity prices, leading to losses and closures of reliable generators. At other times (and every still night), wind and sun will produce minimal or zero power, causing very high electricity prices and increasing the chances of brownouts and blackouts. To avoid blackouts governments and/or consumers are forced to fund diesel, gas or coal plants to remain on standby or as spinning reserves until needed. Funding these subsidies for renewables and the backups needed for them is producing crippling electricity prices (doubled in the past decade). It is also harming consumers (especially the poor) and causing financial crises for those governments who try to shield some businesses and consumers from the real energy costs.

Aluminium smelters and steel works have already closed or relocated to countries not mesmerised by the climate scam. Other industries will follow. Poland is resisting these suicidal industrial policies, and even Germany is recognising the danger by introducing subsidies to keep its industrial base.

Just one long cold European winter, with a few heavy snowfalls and a succession of still, frosty nights will produce the blackouts which will shock Europe into energy reality and bring the Paris energy follies to an end. In the last such winter, thousands of people died in Britain from cold as they could not afford home heating.

Some politicians and promoters in the BRICS nations (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) think they can profit from the Paris accord. They hope to continue gaming the system by selling carbon credits of doubtful authenticity on an already corrupt market, and demanding climate reparations and technology transfers from the West, while remaining free to build their own clean modern and efficient coal/gas/nuclear/hydro energy grid. Their reliable low-cost power is already attracting electricity-intensive industries fleeing from the soaring power costs in the West. However, they forget that if Western energy stupidity provokes a world financial crisis, the global economy will slump and all nations will suffer.

Some of the biggest supporters of the Paris accord are small oceanic nations seeking welfare through handouts to save them from baseless predictions of rising sea levels, even though actual changes in sea levels are tiny and not unusual.

The fact is that sea level rise in Tuvalu has been effectively zero since accurate measurements commenced in 1993, on tide gauges set up by the Australian government:

<http://www.bom.gov.au/ntc/IDO70056/IDO70056SLI.pdf>

These climate handouts will cease suddenly as energy reality bites and many current politicians in the West are thrown out of office. When this happens, the shock of losing easy money will damage these island nations far more than the gently oscillating

oceans. They do have real problems needing attention, but rising seas is not one of them.

The EU is a driving force promoting green energy, environmental extremism, world carbon taxes and global control by unelected bureaucrats. Brexit was Britain's answer to the growing over-reach of EU bureaucracies. Clexit is our answer to the push for global control through climate hysteria.

The Clexit Campaign aims to prevent ratification or local enforcement of the UN climate treaty. Nations should not tolerate UN and EU bureaucrats manipulating science in order to justify their dreams to redistribute wealth and revert to the central planning that enslaved and impoverished the old command economies.

This vicious and relentless war on carbon dioxide will be seen by future generations as the most misguided mass delusion that the world has ever seen.

Carbon dioxide is NOT a dangerous pollutant – it is a natural, non-toxic and beneficial gas which feeds all life on earth. Its increasing concentration is improving the environment, not harming it.

Carbon dioxide is also an insignificant player in global warming. Its so-called “greenhouse effect” is far smaller than that of atmospheric water vapour and, because this effect declines logarithmically as carbon dioxide levels rise, most of its small impact on surface temperature is already exhausted.

Carbon dioxide was unable to prevent the cyclic repetition of the Pleistocene Ice Ages or the Little Ice Age, and there was no human industry to create the warm climate optima of Egyptian, Minoan, Roman or Medieval times (the Earth was generally warmer than today at these past peaks). Man-made carbon dioxide did not cause the heat waves of the 1930's or the fears of global cooling in the 1970's. It plays no part in creating our short term weather. It does not drive ocean currents, El Nino, the Milankovitch cycles, the sun spot cycles or the eras of volcanism.

In the big climate picture, carbon dioxide hardly registers except in discredited UN/IPCC computer models.

Global warming has occurred naturally many times in the past and is not to be feared – it is not controlled by carbon dioxide or humans.

More carbon dioxide is already greening the planet as it has done in the past. Warming oceans always expel more moisture and more carbon dioxide into the atmosphere, and these two gases-of-life always encourage plant growth and produce a verdant globe.

It was the cold, dry ice ages that created frigid deserts, life-smothering ice sheets, retreating oceans and massive losses for all life forms. Cold oceans also drain the atmosphere of carbon dioxide thus creating starvation stress for all plants. A warm globe always supports more life. The human race, the forests and the coral reefs have far more to fear from global cooling.

The world must abandon this suicidal Global Warming crusade. Man does not and cannot control the climate. Climate and weather are always changing, but apart from

cyclic spikes of El Nino warming, there has been no measurable warming for twenty years.

It would be far better to spend some of the trillions being spent on the climate crusade to ensure that our infrastructure can cope with whatever weather extremes do occur; or tackling some real world problems such as terrorism, displaced people, water supply, urban air and water pollution, garbage and landfill.

If the UN/EU persists in this climate madness, the rest of the world must support Clexit. Neither national, state or local governments should support, sign, enforce or waste public funds on any of the job-killing climate agreements, Agenda 21, Agenda 2030, Habitat 3 or any other foreign agendas transferring real power and wealth from elected nationals to unelected international bureaucracies.

To see the initial Clexit Committee and the list of Founding Members see:

<http://clexit.net/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/clexit-members.pdf>

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