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The biggest risk to this country by far is the implementation of the Climate Change Act and the bringing forward of “net zero carbon” policies.

This country emits only 1% of the benign gas, carbon dioxide, essential for all life on Earth, emitted to the atmosphere from man’s activities. It is a trace gas at the present level of 0.041% whereas the largest “greenhouse” gas is water vapour which makes up for 97% of all “greenhouse” gases. There is no empirical scientific proof that emissions of CO<sub>2</sub> are causing any increase in global warming or catastrophic climate change. Climate is one of the most complex, non-linear, chaotic systems known to man. To ignore chaos is fraud. To claim that any severe weather event has been caused by man’s emissions is fraud. Even the IPCC is recognising that there is no evidence that floods, droughts, hurricanes etc are increasing in severity or more frequently.

The attempt to reduce the UK’s emissions to “net zero”, whatever that means, will have absolutely no effect on the climate. Our reduction in emissions are being replaced several times over by increased emissions from third world countries as they develop with hundreds of coal fired power stations being built. **This fact renders this policy to be completely pointless while burdening the population with ever rising costs.**

Environmental levies already cost us £11 billion per year with an estimated cost of £12 billion on top for the installation of “smart meters”. I have refused one as I will get absolutely no benefit from it. Drax power station alone is receiving £600 million in subsidies for burning wood pellets, producing as much if not more CO<sub>2</sub> than if it had kept to coal. It is an absolute fraud to claim that burning wood pellets is “carbon neutral”.

The government is hell bent on destroying our manufacturing base as most of it will have to close down due to this policy. It is estimated that up to 10 million jobs could be lost with no chance of being replaced by so-called green jobs.

Home owners are being threatened with being unable to sell their properties because they aren’t sufficiently energy efficient without enormous costs to try and improve them.

I must demand that the government starts to see the errors of its ways, be prepared to admit that this policy is wrong and **REPEAL THE CLIMATE CHANGE ACT** before any more damage is done.

I have followed the narrative of anthropogenic global warming – now morphed into climate change for around thirty years with an increasing feeling of doom and despair at the actions of politicians in blindly accepting the theory that humans are causing catastrophic climate change. There are thousands of scientists and researchers who find this theory to be seriously lacking in credibility. All predictions of doom since 1970 have proved to be wrong.

Herewith my general summary:

## **GLOBAL WARMING – THE ELEMENTARY FACTS**

Climate is the most complex, non-linear, chaotic system known to man and therefore, by definition, cannot be predicted. To ignore chaos is fraud.

Carbon dioxide is a tasteless, odourless, colourless, non-polluting gas essential for all life on Earth.

A typical sample of dry air consists of 78% nitrogen, 21% oxygen and the remainder consisting mainly of the inert gas, argon. Carbon dioxide is at 0.04% of the atmosphere. Methane is at 0.000175%.

96% of carbon dioxide comes from natural sources – the remaining 4% from man`s activities.

The UK produces 1% of the latter which equates to just 0.08% of the total. Cars in the UK account for about 15% of the latter which equates to just 0.012% of the world total.

In the last century the world`s average temperature apparently increased by just 0.6 degrees C

The largest “greenhouse” gas by far is water vapour at around 96% of all “greenhouse” gases.

Other more significant factors affecting the climate include cosmic rays, solar magnetic cycles, sunspot cycles, changes in the earth`s orbit around the sun, volcanic activity, changes in land use (land clearance) to name but a few.

Rising temperatures historically **precede** increases in CO<sub>2</sub> not vice versa.

To infer that CO<sub>2</sub> produced by man is the major factor in climate change is fraud. The climate has and always will change naturally, affected by factors as indicated above.

Changes in the amount of CO<sub>2</sub> did not cause the Roman Warm Period, the Medieval Warm Period or the Little Ice Age. Man wasn`t around in sufficient numbers in those days to have any effect.

The rate of change in sea levels has not changed in at least the last hundred years.

According to the European Climate Declaration signed by more than 700 scientists and professionals, presented to the Secretary General, UN in September 2019:

There is no climate emergency. Therefore, there is no cause for panic and alarm. We strongly oppose the harmful and unrealistic net-zero CO<sub>2</sub> policy proposed for 2050. If better approaches emerge, we will have ample time to reflect and adapt. The aim of international policy should be to provide reliable and affordable energy at all times, and throughout the world.

The Anthropegenic (manmade) global warming enthusiasts are trying to shut down genuine scientific research and debate on climate change. This is anathema to science whose very essence is to research and challenge all theories that are put forward.

The science is not settled as is claimed. See <https://notalotofpeopleknowthat.wordpress.com> for in-depth analysis of various claims.

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