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Subject: FW: A RADICAL, NEW APPROACH TOWARDS FUNDING BETTER FIREFIGHTING AIRCRAFT.

States' Premiers and Territories' Chief Ministers,
Queensland; New South Wales; Victoria; Tasmania; South Australia; Western Australia; Northern Territory; Australian Capital Territory.

Dear Premiers and Chief Ministers,

I wish to invite you to raise for URGENT DISCUSSION during your Council of Australian Governments' meeting in Sydney on Friday, 11 December, 2015, the matter of PURCHASING for our Nation, a PERMANENT squadron of LARGE, FIREFIGHTING MULTI-PURPOSE AMPHIBIAN AIRCRAFT, e.g. of 12,000 litre capacity.

The most-suited amphibian for Australia's needs is the Beriev Be-200 firefighting, multi-purpose amphibian seaplane. This aircraft is described in detail later.

The NEW, RADICAL FUNDING APPROACH required for the one-off purchase, (at an approximate cost of \$AUD 50 million each), and ongoing running and maintenance expense of this aircraft, is to allocate funds from AUSTRALIA'S ANNUAL DEFENCE BUDGET. These aircraft are for both CIVIL DEFENCE and EXTERNAL DEFENCE purposes.

Federal grants of currently circa \$AUD 15 million per year for the annual lease of converted, single-engine crop dusters and helicopters carrying thimble-size buckets of various capacities, is an absolute NATIONAL DISGRACE, and an insult to its tax-paying citizens.

The loss of life, livelihood, infrastructure and community is a continuing insult from the fifteen million dollar-pittance spared by the Federal Attorney-General (AG) for internal defence from the mega-bushfires which terrorise Australians annually. How does this "crumb" compare with the approximate \$AUD 1.3 BILLION our AG has allocated himself from our Defence Budget, for both INTERNAL defence protection from ISIS/ISIL terrorists, and fighting such in other lands ?

Which type of Internal terrorist strikes terror the most, the most often, and with the most destructive effect each summer, in many states simultaneously, that we need to defend AGAINST THE MOST ?

Please Google: Beriev Be-200 firefighting, multi-purpose amphibian.

A DVD for each State Premier and Chief Minister showing this aircraft has been sent to the NSW Premier's Department for distribution to each at your COAG meeting.

Thank you each one for your time. This writer sincerely hopes that the matter of wholly inadequate firefighting aircraft employed to date for the protection of Australians, and the overdue need to rectify this glaring neglect by our Federal Governments, will finally be addressed at the highest governance level by your wise heads.

Yours faithfully,

Jeff Leddin

To all State and Territory Fire Commissioners/Chief Fire Officers.
2015

Thursday, 26 November

The following is being sent to you as a matter of considerable urgency as once again, another State of Australia is being assailed by one of Australia's TWO main ANNUAL TERRORISING ENEMIES -
- MEGA-WILD BUSHFIRES !

It is hoped that the strongest possible representation will be collectively made by each State and Territory responsible officers charged with safeguarding their citizens from the scourge of mega-wild bushfires to their respective Parliamentary representatives, and to the Federal Government specifically.

It is past time beating about the bushland on fire with only \$15 million dollars' worth of excuse of annually leased 'toys', IN LIEU of the SERIOUS money needed to combat this MAJOR INTERNAL TERRORIST.

We would wish you well in your determination to fight on behalf of all Australian tax-paying citizens, for an adult-sized deal to better fight this aggressor.

Yours sincerely,
Jeff Leddin.

The Secretariat,
Climate Council of Australia.

Friday, 20th November, 2015.

We watched the Council's spokesperson advising the Council's latest findings on Climate Change on ABC TV yesterday.

We noted remarks made that Australia leases firefighting aircraft annually, [through the National Aerial Firefighting Centre (NAFC)] from the USA, in the Northern Hemisphere's winter-off season, to combat our summer wildfires.

We have been drawing to the relevant authorities attention the fact that it is now a few, devastating fire seasons past time, that Australia approaches firefighting, aerial firefighting in particular, from an entirely radical, yet far more logical approach than that taken since 2003.

It was only after wild bushfires ravaged our Nation's Capital in 2003, that the NAFC was established, to combat with aircraft our devastating bushfires each summer.

The Federal Government provided \$5 million in seed money grant, for the lease of converted single-engine crop-dusters, and thimble-size, water bucket-carrying helicopters!

What a laughable, yet sad and ever-so-tragic spectacle that the Australian public witnesses during each catastrophic wild, out-of-control bushfire, that occurs in each state each time, year after year,

and viewing the potentially avoidable deaths of fellow citizens, and the destruction of their livelihoods and communities!

Twelve years later, annual Federal funding today is only of the order of circa \$15 million. (NAFC Annual Reports).

It is only the last couple of years that larger capacity, retired civilian or military aircraft, retro-fitted with tanks, has been considered and trialled by the NAFC.

A couple of large tanker aircraft have been leased for this summer season.

However, the NAFC is only able to view its ability to combat our massive wild bushfire conflagrations, which happen in many states, on many fronts simultaneously, through the extremely narrow financial prism of their annual Federal funding grant. The NAFC is financially governed as to what large or small aircraft, fixed-wing or helicopters, that it may contract.

The radically new and different approach is to come to the realisation that Australia has at least TWO MAJOR, INTERNAL, CLIMATE CHANGE- INDUCED, TERRORIST ENEMIES that it must combat, EACH YEAR, namely FLOOD, and WILD BUSHFIRES !!!

We now recommend the following radical, logical, new and different approach towards funding the fight each year against our two main internal terrorists:

1. FLOODS: That the present lease-funding of HELICOPTERS for fire-fighting be re-organised, to primarily to be available for:
 - (i) Flood rescue and relief;
 - (ii) Civilian and commercial opportunities such as transmission line and other infrastructure installation and maintenance;
 - (iii) Heavy-lifting where other means unable;
 - (iv) Emergency rescue duties, such as in the aftermath of cyclones, storm and tempests, and other mega-natural disasters;
 - (v) Firefighting; and
 - (vi) Special species selective forest logging.
2. WILD BUSHFIRES: To be funded from Australia's annual National Defence Budget, of circa \$29.5 billion, the purchase and maintenance of, at least 6, large, fixed-wing, purpose-built, firefighting aircraft.

This writer has been researching this matter since 2007. We first saw on an overseas, free-to-air, TV channel, courtesy of Optus D2 satellite, a truly, ideal-for-Australia's aerial firefighting requirements, the Beriev Be-200 firefighting, multi-purpose AMPHIBIAN aircraft. This plane has impeccable origins and credentials, and is the latest generation in a long line of amphibian aircraft produced by Beriev-Irkut. Firefighting is its prime function, and designed for this purpose. However, versatility, suitable for other functions, has also been included, such as fulfilling aerial coastal surveillance and patrol; search and rescue with launch-capable, powered dinghies; emergency medical/hospital duty; and as a 72- seat passenger seaplane.

It is appropriate to point out here that with its 35,000 km coastline and countless islands, apart from our neighbouring northern Pacific island nations, AUSTRALIA DOES NOT HAVE ONE AMPHIBIAN SEAPLANE in its Defence Forces assets. Whether for combat or humanitarian needs, we do not have any amphibians such as

the venerable Catalinas and Sunderland seaplanes, indispensable stalwarts during WWII, and in later peacetime service.

If Australia had such versatile amphibians, these aircraft would have been able to deliver urgent medical and humanitarian aid to Vanuatu and its island outpost territories following the cyclones which ravaged it a little while ago. These planes would have been providing medical and humanitarian relief in relays, many days before all other conventional, slow means, of reaching these devastated regions.

In 2007 the manufacturer embarked on a sales mission to Asian and Pacific nations, including a visit to Australia.

Had our Government seen reason, and agreed to lease a couple of these amphibians shortly thereafter and were on hand, the Black Saturday Victorian mega-bush fires' number of deaths, and community infrastructure loss would probably have been greatly reduced.

The main amphibian firefighting aircraft candidates for consideration by our Federal Government in this VITAL CIVIL DEFENCE matter of combatting our INTERNAL TERRORIST 'FIRE' ENEMY, are:

1. Canadair's CL 415, twin-engine, propeller-powered seaplane, scooping 6,000 litres water in circa 15-20 seconds, flying off to target fires at circa 300 kph;
2. Beriev's Be-200 twin-engine jet powered seaplane, scooping 12,000 litres in circa 15 seconds, flying off to target at circa 550 kph; and
3. Japan's larger four-engine, propeller-powered seaplane.

All of the above three amphibians may also carry fire-retardant liquids. Some have some but not all of the multipurpose capabilities of the Beriev Be-200.

The Productivity Commission (PC) completed 2015 an investigation Inquiry into "Natural Disaster Funding Arrangements" in Australia. Among its findings the PC concluded that mitigation/prevention is underfunded for combatting, among our natural disasters -- our annual wild bushfires.

This radically new and more logical approach towards aerial firefighting, by the purchase of at least 6 permanent firefighting, multipurpose amphibian aircraft, would fit the PC's recommendations of a more appropriately-scaled firefighting capability. A suggested number of 6 x Be-200's is selected, as offering 3 x pairs of two planes which could operate, fighting fires in tandem, at three separate locations anywhere in Australia, simultaneously.

The Beriev Be-200 amphibian cost is circa \$50 million each. The lower exchange rate for our currency would suggest that such purchase would be more costly than 1-2 years ago. However, as the Beriev aircraft are made in Russia, the lower exchange rate of their 'rouble' would not disadvantage our buying capacity to any notable degree. But has and does such a relatively small matter as exchange rates ever stood in the way of Defence Budget outlays ?

Russian aircraft are technologically advanced, it is acknowledged world-wide. This writer invites the reader to Google each amphibian listed above and carry out every comparison possible, noting impartial reviews of each, in order to assess which aircraft would claim the right to defend our Nation from one of our deadliest and costliest INTERNAL TERRORIST ENEMIES -- MEGA-BUSHFIRES/CONFLAGRATIONS.

International politics should not be raised in this matter of Australia wanting to purchase the best and most eminently-suited, firefighting amphibian plane to combat this sovereign Nation's own internal, civil defence enemy.

That Russia has had trade embargoes imposed, because Russia has protested and objected to NATO and the USA going back on their undertaking NOT to expand NATO-EU's military installations right up to Russia's borders, following the dismantling of the Iron Curtain in 1991, is no cause for the USA, for example, to dictate what country Australia can and cannot trade with in this matter.

To ALL such nations, our policy should unequivocally be -- stand aside !

Resulting from the purchase of more appropriate, larger firefighting aircraft assets, it would be expected Australia would suffer less from the effects from mega-bushfires in the future than has been its tragic experience in its past. Australia's citizens now demand to be better equipped to combat/fight the annual terrorising from one of its two main internal enemies, MEGA-BUSHFIRES. Australia is not to allow another nation to dictate to this sovereign Nation, with and from whom we are to buy our CIVIL DEFENCE fighting assets. These are separate and distinct from defence assets combatting external enemies.

These firefighting amphibians are for the protection of its tax-paying, citizens. Their taxes contribute towards the funding of Australia's Defence Budget. To date, such Defence Budget expenditure has been to fight other Nations' wars in other nations.

Perhaps conveniently for Australia, when we are NOW going to need as much large-capacity firefighting aircraft that we can obtain, our Prime Minister and the Presidents of America and of Russia, are all on reasonable, and reasoning talking terms.

I believe the time has arrived when Australia would meet the least opposition from the USA and others in the West, to our placing orders to buy Russia's firefighting amphibians.

The question must be asked, how much of the circa \$29.5 billion ANNUAL Defence Budget is ever allocated in/to the defence of its citizens, their lives, tax-paying livelihoods and infrastructure in the combat of their ANNUAL, INTERNAL, NATURAL-DISASTER, TERRORISING ENEMIES ?

If their lives and TAX-PAYING LIVELIHOODS were protected FIRST from the annual Defence Budget spend, more of the citizens "common-wealth" would be protected, preserved. Were our Federal Government to actually demonstrate their genuine interest in providing adequate resources for civil defence, greater goodwill would be generated when Budget curtailment of outlays on health, education, welfare etc., are asked of its taxpaying citizens.

Attorney-General Brandis has the responsibility for the adequate funding for the combat of our internal terrorists of the other sort, whose atrocities are intermittent and unpredictable.

Over the last couple of years, on and off-Budget, Brandis has secured without anyone batting an eye in protest, many, many hundreds of millions of dollars for funding anti-terrorism measures, all in the name of 'security', protection of and for its citizens, which at the same time, curtails freedoms and reduces our right to privacy.

Circa September, 2014 the then Government allocated \$630 million over the next four years to fight Islamic terrorism -- our main 'other terrorist' within Australia.

In addition \$500 million was allocated to fight ISIS/ISIL and affiliated groups externally.

On Wednesday, 1st October, 2014 at a National Press Club address, Attorney-General Brandis announced that ASIO was to be granted another \$198 million to fund its anti-terrorism, security operations.

We posed this question: 'Did Treasurer Hockey budget for these additional outlays? Has the budget black hole just deepened? Are we, the taxpayer, to accept ADDITIONAL AUSTERITY measures without any further protestations?'

A similar stance may also be adopted towards the funding of more appropriate-to-the-magnitude-of-the-task firefighting aircraft- preferably amphibian.

We citizens may demand of our Government many, many more millions to purchase more adequate 'civil defence' assets, also to protect its citizens in a very similar way that Brandis seeks funding for fighting the other, 'very occasional' terrorist attacks on our own soil.

Attorney-General, Senator Brandis also holds the purse-strings of/for the NAFC, by approving its annual stipend/grants.

Is only \$15 million each year sufficient to fight the mega-bushfires which annually terrorise and kill so many of its citizens, with millions upon millions of dollars destruction to their livelihoods, communities and infrastructure?

Should finding the funding for the INITIAL purchase of 6 x Be-200 firefighting amphibians at circa \$300 million prove a problem, this is easily solved by postponing the purchase of, say, 2 x Joint Strike Fighters (JSF) F 35's, at circa \$150 million each = \$300 million, for a couple of years. Australia's initial order was for 14 Joint Strike Fighters (JSF). In April, 2014 an additional 58 JSF's were ordered.

The annual maintenance and running costs funded from the annual Defence Budget could be offset by leasing/hiring out, some of the Be-200's for tourism opportunities. These could be exploring many of the difficult of normal access coastal, and riverine sites around our coastline, including Tasmania's wilderness areas; Lord Howe and Norfolk Islands, and to our many Pacific island neighbouring territories. This concept has enormous tourism potential.

While our Federal Government fiddles and Australia burns to death from being terrorised once more by another annual summer, mega-bushfire season --- with predictions that this will be one of the worst bushfire seasons in decades caused by the severest of El Ninos, Australia is able to lease, say, two Be-200's from the Russian Emercom Ministry -- known as Emercom, for this summer season.

These aircraft have fought many fires in many countries since 2007, for example in Greece and Indonesia. It is opportune for the reason that it is the Northern Hemisphere's winter and off-season, allowing the availability for deployment during our Southern Hemisphere's summer. Indonesia contracted 2 x Be-200s from Russia's Emercom again only last month of October to fight its mega-wildfires.

Indonesia placed an order for FOUR Be-200 firefighting, multi-purpose amphibians also last month. This fact may be verified by Googling Beriev-Irkut's website, and Indonesia's relevant media.

In passing, it is pointed out that there are American firefighting entrepreneurs who regularly provide aerial firefighting assets to their National Parks authorities, and that want to use Be-200s for firefighting. Legal arrangements are in progress to facilitate their wishes such as establishing a 51% US-owned joint venture to import and assemble these planes.

These US veteran firefighting business people recognise the best and most capable firefighting aircraft available anywhere in the world today - including their own Nation, are made in Russia. (USA relies on Russian rocket technology to supply the International Space Station regularly, it should not be forgotten).

A documentary DVD has been made of the origins of the Be-200, an interview with its manufacturer, its production, in deployment, etc. and is available from this writer. The DVD's segments have been recorded from free-to-air screening on Optus D2 satellite.

Finally, you are invited to Google: The Caspian Sea Monster, -- for the ride of your life, and one of the most eye-opening discoveries from the Cold War.

The purchase of the best, most capable and appropriate firefighting aircraft for Australia won't happen of its own accord.

We, the tax-paying citizens of Australia, have a right to say how some of our taxation should be spent, through written and oral means to our elected representatives, the Prime Minister, other Parliamentarians and Senators, State Governments and their city and rural firefighting authorities.

My interest in the long overdue need for larger capacity firefighting aerial assets comes from the obvious increase in the frequency and destructive intensity of our fires summer by summer, a forecast terrifying El Nino, knowledge of the existence of the Russian, purpose-designed and built amphibian, my investigation and research of its competitors, the National Aerial Firefighting Centre and its funding, and finally, a knowledge of the prophetic prediction of more, more frequent and more devastating wild fires to occur.

Whether the Pope believes it to be Biblical or not, and will propose one day, that all money-making activities should cease for one day, each and every week, to arrest the exploitation of man, beast and mother Earth by greedy man, and give all, the enforced opportunity to refresh, regenerate and recreate, is secondary to what His, and Our Creator, counsels.

God designated, nay, commanded, His day for rest and restoration for Earth and all, when He finished His creation.

The wise will keep their weather eyes open, more than ever.

For others, their invitation will be extended at the Paris conference on Climate Change.

Accompanying this is a thought paper that this writer prepared as a protest at the abolition of the Carbon Tax by the Abbott Government. I would hope that it will still be of some interest today.

Thank you for your time,

Your sincerely,

Jeff Leddin.

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Subject: NATURAL DISASTER RESTORATION AND REHABILITATION FUND: A RENAME -- A MORE APPROPRIATE NAME FOR "Carbon TAX" ?

Dear Prime Minister, CLIMATE CHANGE IS BIBLICAL !
DO NOT ABOLISH THE CARBON TAX !

21st June, 2014

NATURAL DISASTERS TO INCREASE IN FREQUENCY AND INTENSITY, says God.

Reconsider its abolition. RETAIN IT as a funding resource to pay for the increasing demands for restoration to productivity and rehabilitation of peoples' lives and livelihoods following natural disasters. Insurance premiums are now rising so steeply as to becoming unaffordable for most Australian citizens. Demands for greater Government financial assistance are being increasingly made by all affected by natural disasters and calamities.

It is with respect, that we would wish to alert and advise you, that the most impeccable Source of knowledge concerning Climate Change available to mankind today, would wish to speak to you, and to all of us, if we would but seek Him for a ten-second sound and video bite on His thoughts, on this very hot potato.

Our loving God gives us a free will, and thus we have the choice to believe in Him, or not, and whether to take notice of Him and what He would like us to know.

Yes, He leaves these choices to us and His Word (to think and analyse with that frontal lobe of our brains), to read and discover that life has meaning, and its great and wonderful purpose. He invites us to compare His way with those who champion the evolution theory of life.

Yet how strange that SOME Christians and atheistic evolutionists are on the same page and concerned about Climate Change ? Time will tell whether the race to the top or the bottom will be won in this Climate Change debate by which side, and as to the true causes and answers. SOME are now keeping their weather eyes open ?

He now speaks to us:

“The earth mourneth and fadeth away”; and

“the haughty people . . . do languish.

The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof”. Isaiah 24: 4,5.

Under such Bible page headings as ‘Signs preceding the end’, and ‘The signs of Christ’s coming’, He tells us –

“ . . and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.” Matthew 24:7.

“ . . and there shall be earthquakes in divers places, and there shall be famines and troubles: “ Mark 13:8.

“And great earthquakes shall be in divers places, and famines and pestilences; and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven”. Luke 21:11.

“And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring;

“Men’s hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.” Luke 21:25-26.

A far deeper insight and understanding into the origins, source and causes for Climate Change is empathetically provided by this authoress, in amplification:

“Satan works through the elements also to garner his harvest of unprepared souls. He has studied the secrets of the laboratories of nature, and he uses all his power to control the elements as far as God allows.

“Even now he is at work. While appearing to the children of men as a great physician who can heal all their maladies, he will bring disease and disaster, until populous cities are reduced to ruin and desolation.

“In accidents and calamities by sea and land, (Note: Penned in 1888, before aeroplanes flew. The writer.)

In great conflagrations (massive wild bushfires), [Australia needs a squadron of the best firefighting, multi-purpose amphibian aircraft available today, to defend our Nation’s citizens and property from one of its two main Internal Enemies, namely FIRE – the 12,000 litre-scooping in 14-18 seconds, twin jet, 550+ kph Be-200 amphibian, their purchase to be funded out of our Nation’s annual Defence budget. Please Google: Be-200 amphibian, and watch a demonstration video]

In fierce tornadoes and terrific hailstorms,

In tempests,

Floods,

Cyclones,

Tidal Waves,

And earthquakes,

In every place and in a thousand forms, Satan is exercising his power.

He sweeps away the ripening harvest, and famine and distress follow.

He imparts to the air a deadly taint, and thousands perish by the pestilence. (Nuclear radiation; Bhopal, India, disaster; Chemical warfare ?)

THESE VISITATIONS ARE TO BECOME MORE AND MORE FREQUENT AND DISASTROUS”. (“The Great Controversy between Christ and Satan”, by Ellen G. White, - 1888. Pages 589,590)

Well may we enquire and ask of God, why ?

“Because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant”. Isaiah 24:4,5.

THE PURPOSE OF THESE MANIFESTATIONS ?

“These manifestations bear the special marks of God’s power, and are designed to cause the people of the earth to tremble before Him, and to silence those who, like Pharaoh, would proudly say,

WHO IS THE LORD, THAT I SHOULD OBEY HIS VOICE ?”

As the world is now experiencing the natural disasters aforementioned, in more and more catastrophic frequency, intensity and super proportions, it behoves governments to budget in greater provision for the cost to its citizens of the wreckage left in their wake. Some government leaders are wise virgins in taking action, where feasible and possible, and in making provision to lessen the impact of the effects following each disaster. Other leaders/would-be statesmen/women are foolish virgins, and prefer to keep their heads in the sand.

Our major political party leaders profess a faith. Their policy decisions and implementation thereof, give evidence as to whether they follow their Leader's counsels or not, from His invitation:

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.
"In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths". Proverbs 3:5,6.

CARBON TAX, E.T.S. OR NO CARBON TAX ? YES, WE CAN -- have a FUND, for recovery and rehabilitation after natural disasters.

Climate Change is real, whether we choose to listen to God who is telling us, or atheistic evolutionists. As to what to do about them personally and nationally, God informs us in His instruction manual. Seek and we shall find, He promises us.

[Revised, 21st June, 2014]

CONCLUSION – Some Food for Thought, (and Hoping That There Will Always be Some, not forgetting Water!).

"The love of money is the root of all evil".

World economics, poverty and prosperity, rise and fall when this maxim motivates leaders and nations.

Religion, atheism and agnosticism are all intertwined, shadow boxing, skirting around each other, in daylight and darkness.

I now invite the reader to ponder the following:

How can a professed Christian, formerly largely Protestant, Capitalist nation's wealthy elite, which frequently utters, "God bless America", and "In God we trust", in order to make more profits for its zero-interest paying corporations and shareholders, go to the world's biggest Communist, atheist nation, and exploit its poor, low- wage rate workers, to produce its goods ? America's corporations have transferred so much of its manufacturing plant and equipment, and America's jobs, to make their greater profits. A similar testimony is borne from the United Kingdom and Australia.

The Christian nations of the West, principally America, Canada, the United Kingdom, Australia and New Zealand have all succumbed to this ploy. Each of these nations have also thus transferred much of their defence manufacturing capacity. Especially is this the case of Australia, with the closing down of its car manufacturing companies. [As the mid-term result – our defences will be down, too.]

Is the net result these nations are now the most heavily in debt ? Greed, and the cost of engaging in wars which are continually draining each country's economies, have had their baleful effect.

The question begs to be asked, "Is God still blessing America" -- or the opposite ? The subject of 'CLIMATE CHANGE' is at the fore of the thinking of the President of the USA. The accumulative effects of mega-natural disasters across the United States of America caused President Obama to state, during week-ending 20th June, 2014 that these disasters are now affecting his country's economy and prosperity.

Being affected to a lesser degree, but no less costly to our economy, what can we learn, and be guided in our deliberations and decisions that we in Australia are faced with today?

For how much longer can Australia's political leaders, professing their Christianity, whose actions speak much louder than their words on Climate Change, still ignore Biblical prophecy? Australia stands shoulder-to-shoulder with the USA and the UK in the trenches of Iraq and Afghanistan in the 'war on terror', but isolates itself, standing aloof from its defence allies, in the war of Climate Change.

We would thank you for your precious time. We trust you will be further encouraged, and be courageous in your policy formulation, as you heed His still small voice in guiding you. Thank you. We wish you well, and every success.

Your sincerely, Jeff Leddin.

Post Scriptum: From Deloitte's --

Last year, Carbon Tax Revenue raised \$ 7.6 billion from circa 348 polluting companies.

Last year, Natural Disasters cost \$ 6 billion.

QUESTION: From where/whom will this source of revenue be replaced/raised now ?