

THE BOLT REPORT, 26 OCTOBER 2014, INTERVIEW WITH PATRICK MOORE

ANDREW BOLT, PRESENTER: How much longer can politicians deny the science of global warming? Thermometers show no warming of the atmosphere for 16 years already, against all predictions. Embarrassed, warmists came up with an excuse. That missing heat? It's actually hiding in the deep ocean, for now. But this month NASA said a new study showed, no, the deep ocean hadn't actually warmed for nine years either, and the upper ocean hadn't warmed enough to explain the missing heat. But even the Abbott Government has only one minister, Barnaby Joyce, who dares publicly suggest the global warming theory, that we're heating the world dangerously, is now broken.

BARNABY JOYCE, AGRICULTURE MINISTER: We haven't seen the escalation in temperatures. They're not fitting the models they formally predicted. All their dire predictions, unfortunately, have not come to pass.

ANDREW BOLT: So, let's ask one of the world's most famous environmentalists what's happening here. Patrick Moore cofounded Greenpeace and was its head before he left in 1986. He's today an environmental consultant, he's giving a lecture tour here, and he joins me now. Thanks for your time.

PATRICK MOORE, FORMER HEAD OF GREENPEACE: Nice to be with you, Andrew.

ANDREW BOLT: First, can I just ask you, why did you leave Greenpeace?

PATRICK MOORE: I left Greenpeace for a number of reasons. The, sort of, overarching one was the fact that we started with a strong humanitarian orientation to save civilisation from nuclear war. That was our early years. And, as Greenpeace went along and grew into a major organisation, we kind of lost the 'peace' in the Greenpeace. And all we were left with was the 'Green'. And we began to characterise, not myself, but that's why I left, we began to characterise humans as the enemies of the Earth, and the environmental movement today continues in that strain, as if humans are evil and nature is good, and we are separate from nature and not really part of it. And I couldn't stay with that kind of thinking, because I know we are part of nature and come from nature, with evolution, like all of the other species on this planet. So, that the main teaching of ecology is we're all part of one whole system, rather than teaching children that we are the enemy and the Earth is what's good.

ANDREW BOLT: Well, global warming is the perfect cause, then, for Greenpeace, in that, our gases, even the very gas that we exhale, is dangerous to the planet. Let's look at that. The data shows no warming for years now, which should be great news, trumpeted everywhere. Why don't politicians accept this?

PATRICK MOORE: I'm not sure, because there simply has not been any significant warming for about 18 years, during which time, 25% of all our carbon dioxide emissions have gone into the atmosphere, due to the ever increasing levels of CO2 emissions from China, India and all the transportation that's ramping up around the world. And, so, if there's no warming when 25% of CO2 has gone into the atmosphere, it has to bring into question whether or not there is a lock-step cause-effect relationship between CO2 and warming. And that is why I'm sceptical, right at the very beginning of the argument.

ANDREW BOLT: But why won't – you know, we've just seen, like, the NASA survey confirming that the oceans aren't hiding the missing heat. We don't know where it went. One would assume, then that global warming simply isn't occurring in the way we were told.

PATRICK MOORE: Precisely. There actually is no missing heat, in my estimation. They're saying there's more heat coming in than we can account for, but that's because they're relying

on their models of how much heat is coming in. I believe that, in fact, the clouds are preventing as much heat from coming in as they are predicting. Therefore, there's no missing heat. But even if there was heat going into the deep oceans, how do they know it won't stay there for a million years? Why would it come back out, as if it's some kind of ghost, come back to haunt us? It doesn't exist, NASA has demonstrated that, so it can't come out because it isn't there. But even if it was there, when heat goes down into the deep ocean, it doesn't just pop out the next minute.

ANDREW BOLT: Well, this is the spectre, the, you know, the ghost behind the sofa that they're trying to beat up now. But the point is this. We've had this great news. The world isn't going to end, it's not, you know, we're not seeing catastrophic climate disasters, we're not seeing catastrophic warming. I don't accept, I don't understand why politicians don't shout this from the rooftops. This is good news!

PATRICK MOORE: Yes, I've never understood why people want bad news like this. The guy on the corner with a sign saying 'The end is nigh' has been with us forever, since humanity began, I think.

ANDREW BOLT: And he wants it to be true.

PATRICK MOORE: Well, look at your Tim Flannery. We have David Suzuki in Canada, where I'm from. They're -

ANDREW BOLT: Thanks for that. He comes here. Can you just keep him there?

PATRICK MOORE: They both, somehow, fulfil the same role in society of being the doomsayer. There's nothing good they can say about the future, or about people or our existence on this Earth, and I would celebrate humanity, rather than degrade it the way they do. And they're never right in their predictions. Suzuki's been saying the world is going to come to an end in 10 years, for the last 40 years. And he just keeps renewing it every 10 years, that if we don't change our evil ways soon, the world will come to an end. That's the story. And Flannery has managed to convince Australians to spend billions of dollars on desal plants that are useless and have to keep running at great cost, doing nothing, because he said the dams would all be dry, and, in fact, they're full. And it is a fact, I don't know why he doesn't know it, but a warmer world, if it comes, will be a wetter world, as the Sahara was covered in lakes and forests 5000 years ago when the world was warmer than it is today.

ANDREW BOLT: It's a scandal. By January, I think it is, we'll have four desalination plants mothballed. All built on the presumption that the rains would stop. It's a scandal. We're told that we must stop global warming, let's put aside the obvious fact that it's not actually warming. But we're told by politicians, we must stop any future warming. We have churches and green groups saying we should stop coal, for example, stop using coal, a source of greenhouse gases. Even if global warming was occurring, say Australia did stop, totally dead, its use of coal, what difference do you think, to the nearest degree, we'd make to worldwide warming?

PATRICK MOORE: Well, it appears zero, because even with all the CO₂ that is being put in the air by China and India, Australia is a drop in the bucket. It's nothing. So, obviously, Australia's CO₂ emissions are not doing anything. Isn't it nice of the clergy to be driving more poor people into energy poverty? I really don't get that one. I mean, surely they understand that the higher electricity costs go, the more people will be deprived of the ability to pay for it, it makes no sense whatsoever. You know, what people don't understand, it seems, is that carbon dioxide, which is being vilified now as the devil in the piece, is actually the most important food for all life on Earth. If there was no CO₂ in the global atmosphere, this would be a dead planet. That's what plants eat. And an experimental forest in Germany, which has

been monitored since 1870, is, today, growing at 40% faster than it did then, and most of that increased growth

has occurred in the last 50 years, during which time, CO2 has risen from 300 to 400 parts per million. Still much lower than it has been through most of the history of modern life, where the average has been about 2,000. And, this year, the grain harvest in the world is at a record high, and yield per hectare is also at a record high, and this is certainly because of the fertilisation effect, as it's called, of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere.

ANDREW BOLT: Can I just point out that, that's another busted prediction. The IPCC predicted increasing famines or crop failures in the world, and the very reverse has happened. Can I just say, you know, you pointed out that the green movement, global warming movement is anti-human, in a sense, it's nature first, human second. It also seems increasingly, in pursuit of the global warming thing, that it's anti-nature as well. This is bird week, for example, to celebrate our feathered friends. But one thing I don't get, is that the green groups, which fight any development which hurts animals of any kind, don't care that wind farms kill birds. I mean, thousands of them. It just seems a really weird movement at the moment, the green movement.

PATRICK MOORE: They not only kill birds, but they kill the top predators, the eagles and hawks, and owls. It, you know, it's one thing for flocks of thousands of birds, to have a few of them killed, but these are the top predators which are lesser in numbers and more iconic, you would think, and yet they are willing to sacrifice them for the purpose of these really expensive, unreliable technologies like wind and solar, which are driving... I couldn't believe it when I read the cost of electricity in Australia. You've got really cost-effective energy here in your coal and gas plants, you don't have nuclear, which I don't understand because you produce 10% of the world's uranium. And I wonder, what the people you're shipping it to, are doing with it.

ANDREW BOLT: I don't know, I think they're burying it underground, and not using it.

PATRICK MOORE: I think –

ANDREW BOLT: It's just crazy. Look, this country has really crippled itself with green, the green faith. Just before, we're running out of time, just before we go, there's a big debate here about fracking, right?

PATRICK MOORE: Yes.

ANDREW BOLT: That somehow, the idea that we extract these natural gases from under the ground, with the little explosions, and all that, is going to contaminate water supplies, etcetera, etcetera. There are actually bans in Victoria and high restrictions in NSW, even though we're running out of local gas supplies. What's your view?

PATRICK MOORE: It's proof that green has become a religion, because there's absolutely no basis to the opposition to fracking. It's not explosions, it's just high-pressure water. It's like... I just can't believe it, that people think there's something wrong with this, because these are deep deposit of ancient marine sediments that are tight, and so they're holding the gas and oil in a rock, basically. And all they're doing is pressure washing, like, with high-pressure water, underground, with a bit of sand and other completely harmless chemicals. And the Environmental Protection Agency in the US, which is a green group itself, has had to admit that there's never been a single example of contamination of groundwater by fracking in the US with, in fact, hundreds of thousands of fracking wells.

ANDREW BOLT: No. The funny thing is, the technology's not that dissimilar to geothermal power, which is, supposedly, the greens are for, you know. Putting water, high-pressure, under hot rocks –

PATRICK MOORE: Good point, Andrew.

ANDREW BOLT: So, I don't understand why one's good, and one's bad. Patrick Moore, thank you so much for your time.

PATRICK MOORE: Very nice to be with you.