

## Letter to the Editor, The Australian (unpublished)

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Dear Editor,

Your columnist Cheryl Jones suggests (*No sure bets in the climate debate*) that policymakers dealing with the global warming issue should pay attention to the reports of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), a political body attached to the United Nations. True enough, but equal consideration needs to be given also to the parallel reports by the Nongovernmental International Panel on Climate Change (NIPCC), compiled by scientists who are fully independent of political, industry or lobby group pressures.

The first new NIPCC report (Physical Science) demonstrates that human carbon dioxide emissions are not causing dangerous global warming. The second report (Biological Impacts) shows that a temperature rise of 2 degrees Celsius, should it occur, would be of net benefit to the environment and to human interests. And the third report (Energy, Economics and Policy; to be published later this year) shows that cutting carbon dioxide emissions is a costly and completely ineffectual way of attempting to influence global climate. These reports are available for free reading or download at [climatechangereconsidered.org](http://climatechangereconsidered.org).

Yours etc.

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