Question 14 from Summary available at:

Where do you go during Australia’s summer?

The last question is prompted by this statement by Will Steffen during the Climate Commission’s meeting in Canberra’s Parliament House on May 24th, 2011, quote: “If we go to say a four degree world later this century, we have to remember that our bodies operate at 37 degrees Celsius. We’re going to see temperatures in many of Australia’s cities in the 40s and maybe even the 50s and a four degree temperature rise to (indistinct). It’s going to be almost impossible for our bodies to give off the heat that we normally do to the atmosphere around us. So I think that the health challenges of a four degree world would be enormous and there’s simply (indistinct) that we are not simply built to operate in a four degree world warmer than today”.

Note that there is no evidence that Earth will incur a four-degree temperature rise. Reputable scientists around the world are predicting an imminent global cooling.

Does Will Steffen not know that the ancestors of all Earth’s species of large complex animals, including humans, developed 3-6 million years ago when temperatures were at least 3 degrees warmer than current? (‘Climate: The Counter Consensus’, by palaeoclimatologist Professor bob Carter, Figure 1, page 40)

Does he not know that during Earth’s warmer periods the environment, animal and plant species and human civilisation thrived? Does he not know that humans experience a higher death toll from cool events than warm events? What is the aim of his unsupported and unfounded statement that contradicts reality and science?

Did Will Steffen mislead impressionable students and MP’s at the Climate Change presentation? If so, is he in contempt of parliament?