

Herr Doktor Goebbels would have been amazed, and full of praise!

I doubt if anyone who is not an Earth Scientist specializing in sea level changes would have any idea that it is nearly impossible to measure global sea level changes over centuries with an accuracy outside error limits (i.e. two standard deviations, assuming a Gaussian distribution), when even that is not clear.

This explains the numerous and varied estimates from practically nothing (*as claimed by probably the World's foremost sea-level scientist Professor Nils Axel Mörner*) to common estimates of around 5 to 10 cm per 100 years – take your pick; and the climate alarmists certainly do, going unashamedly up to 50 metres!

I doubt also they appreciate that land-based readings are not stable and can be affected by:

1. plate tectonics,
2. local earth movements,
3. coastal engineering works,
4. soil pore-pressure changes causing subsidence from natural or, more importantly, human de-watering.
5. Isostatic re-bound from removal of ice-cap loads across temperate Europe and North America, attendant with the rapid huge warming of upwards of 5°C around 15,000 years ago when there was no industrialization and atmospheric CO₂ was much lower than today (note that the World warms before any atmospheric CO₂ rise). This caused the oceans to rise all over the planet by around 120 metres, flooding the coastal shelves, and separating Tasmania from the Mainland.

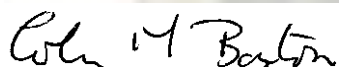
If they knew how to read the terrain, then they would see evidence for an even-higher sea level throughout the coastal regions of Australia some 3,000 years ago.

Fortunately, we are in a climate of remarkable stability with only minimal changes of less than 1°C since the “*Little Ice Age*” Maunder Minimum after the Middle Ages; the warming up to the 1940s; then cooling between 1940s and 1970; then warming to 2000; and the lack of warming over the last 18 years (independent of atmospheric CO₂ over this time period).

People who don't understand what is going on rely on imaginary claims like “*97% of scientists say*” and “*the science is settled*”. They also imagine that humans can decide whether to contain the global temperature to within 1.5°C, consequently pronouncing unsubstantiated conclusions as facts.

When the general public, the politicians, self-interested and/or confused academics, actors, TV presenters, religious leaders, ‘*snake-oil salesmen*’ like Al Gore, ‘*brain-washed*’ children misled by equally ‘*brain-washed*’ teachers, to say nothing of blatantly biased organisations like the BBC and the ABC refusing to look at or listen to valid alternative views and then block them so that the trusting Public don't know any different, then we are in big trouble!

Regards,



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