

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Your correspondent Steve Goldthorpe critiques my book *Air Con*, but fails to fully declare his hand. His career involves making money as a “consultant” on climate change. His analysis reports, by definition, turn out to be worthless to his corporate or civic clients if the theory behind global warming turns out to be wrong, which it is.

Some simple facts for Steve to get his head around. Warming has slowed down to the point where leading climate scientists now admit there has been no “statistically significant global warming” since 1995. CO<sub>2</sub> levels have continued to soar upward during this period of temperature slow-down (and in fact temperatures have been falling since 2003), once again proving that there is no direct link between rising CO<sub>2</sub> and temperature in the open atmosphere.

The UN IPCC has been found wildly inaccurate on glacier melt rates. The UN IPCC has been found wildly inaccurate on its claims of widespread species extinction. Studies backing up claims of big sea level rises have been ridiculed by fellow scientists and now withdrawn as inaccurate. Polar bear numbers have increased five-fold during what the UN claimed was the warmest period in history. Claims of Pacific Islands being threatened by global warming are factually wrong. And leading climate scientist Phil Jones has admitted to a UK government inquiry that science journals “peer reviewing” his work “never once asked” to see his data or test his methodology, showing that scientific “peer review” on climate change is a joke.

Steve can sit there earning fat fees — probably significantly higher than book royalties — from ratepayer-funded councils or shareholder-funded companies by telling them how climate change is coming and it’s going to be bad, but anyone who wants to see how much climate scientists have conned them should read *Air Con* or ask me questions directly on my website TBR.cc. Unlike the climate scientists, I don’t hide from peer review — I welcome it.

Goldthorpe didn’t bother turning up to my presentation. Pity, he might have learned something.

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