

Promotion snubbed

I was invited by the organisers to attend of Ian Wishart's book promotion in Waipu last week to question his views. So I bought a copy of his book, reviewed it and considered his style of argument. I decided to decline the invitation. I wrote a long letter to *Bream Bay News* carefully explaining why. My letter was published before the event. I have sent a copy of my letter to Warren Slater and I will gladly discuss any specific issues in writing.

Ian Wishart's conspiracy theory is based on misinterpretations and half-truths that have been recycled around the internet ad nauseam. His style is to derigrate anyone with contrary views. I had no desire to participate in a trivial point-scoring spectator sport.

Slow but sure changes to the climate of Planet Earth caused by fossil fuel use are serious matters that require responsible study, planning and adaptation by our civic leaders and their advisers. It is unhelpful for the matter to be the subject of populist denial of an uncomfortable reality.

I hope the attendees at last Thursday's talk by Ian Wishart in Waipu enjoyed the light entertainment of his fanciful theories and his science fiction stories.

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