

ON THE RISE – ASCENT MONTHLY BULLETIN
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Dear ASCENT Afficionados,

Somehow we've hit the second half of 2007 - life seems to be barrelling on at a rapid pace and the world is changing fast. Massive congratulations and recognition goes out this month to our fantastic chief at the helm, Amanda McKenzie, who has taken up a wonderful role as National Coordinator of the Australian Youth Climate Coalition. Sensational work Amanda!

After much deliberation and media conjecture, July saw the ABC broadcast of 'The Great Climate Change Swindle', the much publicised alternative view of climate crisis from the eyes of the skeptic. For those who caught the doco, and for those who didn't, a comprehensive CSIRO critique of the offering is available here - Why the Great Climate Swindle Got it Wrong, as well as a critique podcast.

July was also a busy month for our politicians. Proving savvy with today's technology was PM John Howard, sojourning back to cyberspace to counter the ALP's '11 Years asleep' campaign with his new 'cap and trade' climate package. Details on this, as well as the customary array of climate change-related media nuggets, below.

Feedback, questions, queries, ideas or praise - shoot us a line at Cam.Hassard@gmail.com

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GREAT CLIMATE CHANGE SWINDLE

Another CSIRO review:

<http://www.csiro.au/news/ps38x.html>

GOVERNMENT POLICY

Australia's Cap 'n Trade scheme:

<http://environment.newscientist.com/article/dn12279-australia-announces-cap-and-trade-cosub2sub-scheme.html>

Government's climate change proposals 'Pure PR':

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2007/07/22/1984768.htm>

Howard hits YouTube with a message:

<http://ambit-gambit.nationalforum.com.au/archives/002159.html>

Major Parties take the climate row online:

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2007/07/18/1981137.htm>

PARTNERS IN ACTION

Climate positive:

<http://www.climatepositive.com.au/>

Youth Climate Coalition:

<http://www.youthclimatecoalition.org/people.asp><http://www.youthclimatecoalition.org/default.asp>

THE MEDIA'S ROLE

Media's penchant for climate 'porn':

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/science/nature/5236482.stm>

BUSH'S CALL

Bush calls for climate conference:

<http://www.theage.com.au/news/world/bush-calls-climate-conference/2007/08/04/1185648192689.html>

GLOBAL ACTION

International Day of Action - December 8, 2007:

<http://www.globalclimatecampaign.org/>

CHINA

China releases plan:

http://www.pewclimate.org/policy_center/international_policy/china.cfm

LIVE EARTH

Live Earth Roundup:

http://www.nowpublic.com/live_earth_roundup_media_blitz_climate_change