

ON THE RISE – ASCENT MONTHLY BULLETIN
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A massive shift took place in Australia's political landscape last month and with it an emphatic shift towards a new future. Subsequently, Australia now sits alongside 190 countries in Bali as a global leader discussing emissions targets, post-Kyoto and what is to be done about the rapidly accelerating rate of climate shift on this planet.

It's a good start.

But there's still much to be done. The 11th hour is nigh. At this stage, public opinion on climate change here and internationally is changing too fast for our politicians to keep up. This is a good thing, but it's up to all of us to keep the pressure up, to keep vigilant and keep climate change at the forefront of global, national and individual affairs.

It's been a massive year. Something tells me that 2008 will bring the advancement of even greater changes in the fabric of our existence, for potentially good and bad. Humanity is coming to grips with the realisation that it has the power to choose a greater reality for itself and a far brighter future for this place we call home. Interesting times indeed.

Share the love this festive season, eat, drink and be merry. We'll have one for you if you have one for us. From all of us at ASCENT, thank you all so much for your massive support throughout 2007.

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Gore salutes Australia:

<http://www.theage.com.au/news/world/gore-salutes-australia/2007/12/11/1197135417563.html?page=2>

Greenland Melting at Record Rate:

<http://www.theage.com.au/news/world/greenland-ice-melting-at-record-rate/2007/12/11/1197135418426.html>

AYCC Bali Blog:

<http://www.tigblog.org/group/ozyouth2bali>

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Rudd Ratifies Kyoto:

<http://www.theage.com.au/news/national/rudd-ratifies-kyoto/2007/12/03/1196530553722.html>

100% Greenhouse Target:

<http://www.theage.com.au/news/breaking-news/academic-seeks-100-greenhouse-target/2007/12/07/1196812991594.html>

World Seeks New Pact:

<http://www.theage.com.au/news/world/world-seeks-new-climate-pact-at-bali/2007/12/03/1196530558179.html>

Protesters demand action around the world:

<http://www.theage.com.au/news/WORLD/Protesters-want-action-on-climate-change/2007/12/09/1197135262341.html>

Australia failing to protect climate: <http://www.theage.com.au/news/WORLD/Australia-failing-to-protect-climate/2007/12/07/1196813000225.html>

ACTION ALERT

In about a week Australian Paper, part of the Paperlinx group, who make REFLEX are going to log the Armstrong Forest that is next to the Yarra Ranges National Park out past Healesville.

This area currently provides Melbourne with pristine drinking water, as it is an unspoiled water catchment area. In times of drought and water shortages it is beyond belief that anyone would want to negatively affect our water supply. Surely we have more than enough plantation forests and paper being recycled to meet our paper demands.

Forests are crucial for providing clean air and water, regulating climate and maintaining biodiversity. Therefore, how can REFLEX still maintain it has a Forest Stewardship Council accreditation even though it still logging established native forests and only has one 50% recycled paper content line of products?

Solution: buy 100% recycled content paper products this festive season. For more information email contactascent@gmail.com