

ON THE RISE – ASCENT MONTHLY BULLETIN  
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People,

You'd have to be sleeping under a solid rock if you didn't realise that in just two weeks time Australia as a country makes a critical decision about where it sees its future. Election time is nigh, the campaign trail is whittling away and the elusive 24th hovers up along the straight and narrow with a sense trepidation and uncertainty.

A change of government? A change of direction? No change at all? One thing's for sure climate change is [high on the list of priorities](#) for Australians, weighing heavy on our consciousness. But wading through the politics of climate change can be like swimming one armed, blindfolded laps through a pool of crude oil: murky, thick and confusing.

ASCENT is committed to the awareness and education of climate change; we are not politicians nor subscribe to party politics. Tangible progress concerning our environmental sustainability is where the buck stops. People concerned about the disappearance of natural things ought to do their best to wade through the political murk and decide which party will best cater to the pertinent attention of our ailing environment.

Another ultra-critical date also hits us this month.

Saturday November 11 provides you with the chance to thrust a sobering message to our politicians. A mammoth 'Walk against Warming' protest march will be taking place nationwide. Get amongst it. Be involved. Bring a placard and turn the volume up. Details below.

Praise, disdain, adulation, fury and spam can be directed to [Cam.Hassard@gmail.com](mailto:Cam.Hassard@gmail.com)

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[WALK AGAINST WARMING NOVEMBER 11 2007 \(www.walkagainstawarming.org\)](http://www.walkagainstawarming.org)

ALL THINGS POLITICAL MURK

The Long View:

<http://www.theage.com.au/news/opinion/the-long-view/2007/10/31/1193618928191.html>

PM won't match Labor on renewables:

<http://www.theage.com.au/news/federalection2007news/pm-wont-match-labor-on-renewables/2007/11/01/1193619023360.html>

Labour's Climate Commitment:

<http://www.theage.com.au/news/federalection2007news/labors-climate-commitment/2007/10/30/1193618835808.html>

Making of a political fiasco:

<http://www.theage.com.au/news/federalection2007news/making-of-a-political-fiasco/2007/10/30/1193618887192.html>

Developed countries can lead on emissions targets:

<http://www.theage.com.au/news/business/developed-countries-can-lead-on-emissions-targets/2007/11/02/1193619147562.html>

## LOCAL NUGGETS

Higher bills cool with Oz public:

<http://www.theage.com.au/news/climate-watch/higher-energy-bills-backed/2007/11/05/1194117959948.html>

Aus no climate leader:

<http://www.theage.com.au/news/opinion/australia-is-not-a-climate-change-leader/2007/11/01/1193619060642.html>

World leaders in climate wrecking:

<http://www.theage.com.au/news/opinion/world-leaders-in-climate-wrecking/2007/11/02/1193619139334.html>

Leaders on a road to nowhere:

<http://www.theage.com.au/news/opinion/leaders-lost-on-a-road-to-nowhere/2007/10/31/1193618970301.html>

A lesson in political science:

<http://www.theage.com.au/news/federal-election-2007-news/political-science/2007/11/03/1193619204641.html>

## FRESH REPORTS

Latest CSIRO research:

<http://www.climatechangeinaustralia.gov.au/>

3 Degrees Beyond - WWF report on the effects on Australia:

<http://wwf.org.au/news/what-does-beyond-3-degrees-global-warming-mean-for-australia/>

The Big Melt - The arctic is melting 100 years ahead of schedule:

<http://www.carbonequity.info/docs/arctic.html>

TIM FLANNERY

Seasons of Change - New book from Tim Flannery:

<http://www.theage.com.au/news/books/seasons-of-change/2007/11/02/1193619117799.html>

Worse case scenario well exceeded:

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2007/10/09/2054191.htm>

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