

National Press Club Address - October 19th, 2005

Professor Ian Lowe

President of Australian Conservation Foundation and author of *Living in the Hothouse: How Global Warming Affects Australia* will answer the question;

"Is nuclear power part of Australia's global warming solutions?"

The Australian Conservation Foundation and The Natural Edge Project proudly present one of Australia's foremost scientific authorities on energy and the environment, Professor Ian Lowe, to address the issue of energy choices and Australia's global warming solutions. There is no doubt that human-induced climate change is real. The Federal Government recognised the seriousness of the problem in the July 26th 2005 report "*Climate Change: Risk and Vulnerability*", released by the Australian Greenhouse Office. Senator Ian Campbell, the Federal Environment Minister, stated, "*It's becoming obvious that climate change is occurring... there could be more cyclones, there could be more storms, there could be more floods.*"

Date: Wednesday, 19th Oct 2005

Time: 12 noon - 2.00pm

**Place: National Press Club,
Telstra Room, 16 National
Circuit Barton ACT**

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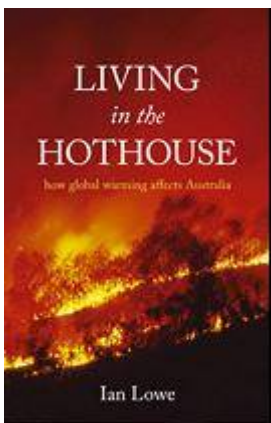
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A greater frequency of natural disasters is only one of the climate change consequences for Australia. Other consequences include more severe droughts, a dryer Murray-Darling Basin River System, loss of biodiversity and our natural treasures such as the Great Barrier Reef, a range of health risks from pollution and an increase in global environmental refugees.



The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change has called for 60% reductions in greenhouse gas emissions by 2050. Former Environment Minister David Kemp, Foreign Minister Alexander Downer and Australia's Chief Scientist Robin Batterham have publicly acknowledged this science and the urgency, yet no targets have been set. How should the Government act? Without committing to the Kyoto Protocol, will the new Asia-Pacific Partnership on Clean Development deliver change? Is nuclear power really an option? In this address to the National Press Club, Professor Ian Lowe will address how Australia can achieve deep cuts to greenhouse gas emissions, create jobs, and a stronger economy.

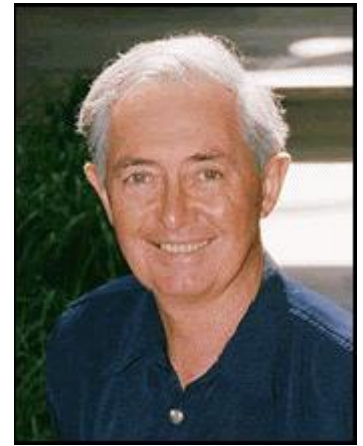


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Professor Ian Lowe – Biographical Information

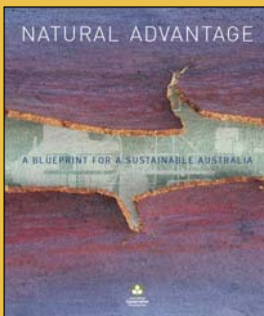
Professor Ian Lowe began his involvement in international and Australian activities related to environment, climate change and energy with postgraduate work in Nuclear Physics at the University of York. He has been a member of the National Energy Research, Development and Demonstration Council, Director of the Commission for the Future, and chaired the advisory council that produced the first independent national report on the state of the environment in 1996. Professor Lowe was a referee for the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and has attended the Geneva and Kyoto conferences of the parties to the Framework Convention on Climate Change.



Professor Lowe was made an Officer of the Order of Australia in 2001 for services to science and technology in the area of environmental studies. In 2002 he was awarded a Centenary Medal for contributions to environmental sciences and the Eureka Prize for the promotion of science. His contributions have also been recognised with the Prime Minister's Environment Award for Outstanding Individual Achievement and the Queensland Premier's Millennium Award for Excellence in Science. Professor Lowe was named Humanist of the Year in 1988.

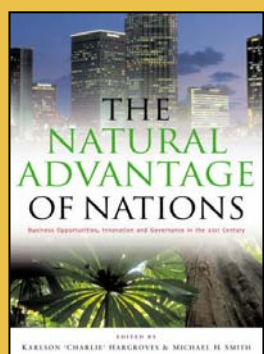
Currently he is an Emeritus Professor based at Griffith University, the President of Queensland Academy of the Arts and Sciences, a consultant to the CSIRO Division of Sustainable Ecosystems, and recently appointed President of the Australian Conservation Foundation. Professor Lowe is both advisor and mentor to The Natural Edge Project.

The Australian Conservation Foundation and The Natural Edge Project



The Australian Conservation Foundation (ACF) is committed to inspiring people to achieve a healthy environment for all Australians. For 40 years it has been a strong voice for the environment, promoting solutions through research, consultation, education and partnerships. ACF works with the community, business and government to protect, restore and sustain our environment.

The Natural Edge Project (TNEP), is a not for profit project, hosted in-kind by the Institution of Engineers Australia. TNEP is focused on developing capacity building and educational material to show that Australia or any nation can achieve sustainability goals like deep cuts to greenhouse gas emissions. The most recent is the Banksia award winning book The Natural Advantage of Nations: Business Opportunities Innovation and Governance for the 21st Century which was developed through a consensus process with over 30 peak bodies and marks a significant step forward.



The TNEP publication was strongly inspired by and complements the Australian Conservation Foundation's 2000 publication Natural Advantage: Blueprint for a Sustainable Australia that was endorsed by many leaders of peak bodies and political leaders such as Malcolm Fraser and Bob Carr. Both publications have extensive online companions with inspiring case studies, policy recommendations and resources to help Australia reduce greenhouse emissions whilst boosting jobs and growing the economy.