

CLIMATE PROTESTERS 'MISLED'

World-wide protests by young people demanding action on climate change are based on ignorance, according to local Federal MP Craig Kelly.

"I disagree with the premise that there is worsening climate change," he added in a detailed rebuttal to www.woronoravalley.com, after about 60,000 young protesters marched in Sydney along with millions of other young people around the world last week (20 September, photo).

"Peer-reviewed science and empirical data show the opposite," he said, citing a list of examples from unnamed sources. However, 97% of climate researchers are convinced that global warming is real and largely man-made, according to NASA, the US space agency.

"Scientific evidence for warming of the climate system is unequivocal," is the conclusion of the IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change). <https://climate.nasa.gov/evidence/>

MP Kelly (Liberal, Hughes) advised that "Arctic sea has been stable over the past decade." However, that is contradicted by NASA: "Both the extent and thickness of Arctic sea-ice has declined rapidly over the last several decades."



NSW TO RECYCLE WASTEWATER

"Cyclone/hurricane activity is trending slightly down," reported MP Kelly weeks after Hurricane Dorian brought record-breaking destruction from the Bahamas to Florida, then up the US East Coast. "2018 had the lowest number of deaths from extreme weather ever recorded," he said two weeks after the hurricane killed 56 people at the start of the 2019 season.

"Global wildfires are down 25% over the past two decades," he added, with warnings just out that widespread fires in Queensland this month are the start of an ominous new fire season (*see panel*). State MP Lee Evans (Liberal, Heathcote) said that although climate change was a Federal issue, the NSW Government had begun "preliminary planning" to expand desalination for Sydney, and "increasing the beneficial uses of treated wastewater".

MP Kelly felt that "children are being fed and falling for false anti-scientific information."

"We should learn from the way Australia's first people managed the land and have investment in hazard-reduction burns."

"If we are going to continue increasing our population, we need to build more dams."

"Nothing that any or all governments do in Australia will have any effect on the climate," he predicted.

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EXTREME BUSHFIRES THE 'NEW NORM'

"We've got to be prepared for a different fire season, a different range of climate extremes," advised the acting deputy commissioner for Queensland Fire and Emergency Services, Neil Gallant, recently.

He predicted that this fire threat could now be "the new norm".

Some current fires could burn for months yet because the ground is bone-dry in inaccessible terrain, with no significant rain in sight.

Firefighters are bracing for tough conditions this season after last summer's "extreme" conditions, as rated by the Bureau of Meteorology.

<https://www.brisbanetimes.com.au/national/queensland/firefighters-say-extreme-is-the-new-normal-for-queensland-fire-season-20190922-p52tto.html>