

# MP Kelly rejects water crisis

Our Federal Liberal MP Craig Kelly has rejected grim forecasts of future water shortages for south-eastern Australia, due to man-made global warming.

He was replying to our website report of an article, *'Quite Scary': Rising temperatures threaten Melbourne, Sydney's water security* (The Sydney Morning Herald, 2 August 2019).

MP Kelly challenged these Australian forecasts, using a contrary view from a researcher in the American Midwest, opposed by 97 percent of climate scientists.

Contradicting himself, MP Kelly claimed that *"the trend is of slight increases in rainfall* over the past century" for Eastern Australia. He had also said that there was *"no trend in Sydney's rainfall* pattern over the past 150 years."

He criticised the Herald for publishing "the speculations of the author as gospel".

MP Kelly called these part of a "long list of wild climate-change predictions" which were debunked by the opposing views of three percent of scientists.

The study was a peer-reviewed article in a reputable journal, by a climate scientist at the University of Melbourne, Dr Benjamin Henley, and well-credentialed co-authors. \*

MP Kelly described "Climate Alarmism as a nonsense", in response to the prediction of growing threats to water supplies in south-eastern Australia, Melbourne specifically.

## Climate change is man-made - NASA

A list of leading world bodies endorsing that climate change is due to humans:

<https://climate.nasa.gov/scientific-consensus/>

"Climate-warming trends over the past century are extremely likely due to human activities. In addition, most of the leading scientific organizations worldwide have issued public statements endorsing this position," NASA said.

"Multiple studies published in peer-reviewed scientific journals show that 97 percent or more of actively publishing climate scientists agree.



Sydney and Melbourne share similar macro-weather patterns generally.

The MP for Hughes argues consistently that global warming is just part of a natural cycle over time, and is not caused by human action.

## 'URGENT ACTION' NEEDED

He is a vocal backbench conservative, who says what he thinks on controversial issues, unlike other local politicians.

The paper's lead author, Dr Henley, told the WVRA website that MP Kelly was incor-

rect in claiming that southern Australia is "not undergoing a drying trend consistent with climate change."

"There is an urgent need to act to reduce atmospheric greenhouse-gas emissions," he said. "Humans are responsible for climate change ... and this will have widespread devastating impacts for our species and the natural world."

"I am encouraged that Mr Kelly is keen to go back to observational data to learn more about climate," he said.

-- By Don Pagé, 24 August 2019 [www.woronoravalley.com](http://www.woronoravalley.com)

\* [Amplification of risks to water supply at 1.5 °C and 2 °C in drying climates: a case study for Melbourne, Australia. Benjamin J Henley et al; 2 August 2019, Environmental Research Letters, Vol 14, No 8. [Link: <https://apo.org.au/node/251426> ]

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