

Media release

The Great Global Warming Swindle

In deciding to broadcast the anti-greenhouse documentary *The Great Global Warming Swindle* the ABC has been conned by a clever propagandist, according to the executive director of the Australia Institute, Dr Clive Hamilton.

In an article published in *New Matilda*, Dr Hamilton argues that the documentary has been discredited and its producer and director, Martin Durkin, has manipulated evidence to push an ideological agenda.

“Durkin hides behind the respectable veil of scientific scepticism. But there is a sharp distinction between healthy scepticism and cynical manipulation of the facts”, said Dr Hamilton.

“*Swindle* is not a contribution to scientific debate but dangerous mischief-making in an area where the stakes could not be higher.”

The article points out that the ‘facts’ put forward to support the thesis that global warming is a giant conspiracy have all been refuted by eminent scientists. Claims that have been debunked include:

- that the troposphere has warmed less than the earth’s surface;
- that volcanic eruptions emit more carbon dioxide than burning fossil fuels; and
- that the observed warming is due to increased solar activity.

“The documentary is a collection of half truths and lies that are designed to muddy the waters on climate change and provide a justification for further delaying action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions,” Dr Hamilton said.

“The role of the ABC should not include giving air time to propaganda intent on derailing important policy processes. The consequences of delaying action on global warming are enormous.”

Dr Hamilton’s article ‘Who Is Being Swindled Here’ is available at www.newmatilda.com