

The 39th Sydney Mining Club Forum
February 1st at 12.30 p.m.

Ray Evans and Ian Plimer
The Greenhouse Heretics

In 2000 the Sydney Mining Club gave you the case for Greenhouse with Australian Greenhouse Office head Gwen Andrews. Now we hear the case against from two highly qualified speakers who dare to challenge current wisdoms.

If you're imagining Greenhouse won't effect your business, consider this. A \$30 per tonne impost on emitted CO₂ translates to a tax of between \$65 to \$80 per tonne of NSW black coal, depending on carbon content and \$93.50 per tonne on diesel fuel. The Lavoisier Group, of which Ray Evans is Secretary, is chaired by former ALP Finance Minister and columnist, the Hon Peter Walsh, and has on its Board industry heavyweights such as Hal Clough, Ian Webber, Peter Murray and Bruce Kean. Ray Evans is best know as Hugh Morgan's speech writer and intellectual sparring partner. Historians among you will know that Antoine-Laurent Lavoisier, born in 1743, destroyed the phlogiston theory and thus laid the foundations for modern chemistry. He was eventually rewarded for his genius by having his head cut off by the French Revolutionaries in May 1794. You can see where all this is heading.

As Walsh explains it, the Lavoisier group is 'of the view that the science behind global warming policy is far less certain than its protagonists claim, and we also believe that the economic damage which Australia would suffer, if a carbon tax of the magnitude canvassed in AGO documents were imposed, would be far, far greater than is currently appreciated in Canberra'. Prof Ian Plimer, the University of Melbourne's Geology School head will release his new book 'Written in Stone' later this year and is of similar views. So are Ian Plimer and the Lavoisier group the proponents of another flat earth theory or the lone voices of sanity in a world of political correctness gone mad? They say global atmospheric temperatures have trended dramatically downwards since the highs of October 1998. Know where you stand on this important issue!

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