

Alarmists turning the tables

DAIRY farmers are being worried sick by environmental consultants who are simply out to make a dollar.

They make money by talking up the likes of "burp gas" from dairy herds, while blindly following the lead of environmental activists such as former US president Al Gore (whose claims were recently refuted in a ruling in London's High Court).

Paul Keating, when Prime Minister, said: "Never stand between a pot of money and state premiers".

He could have been speaking about many scientists as they apply for money to do research, making their applications fit what the provider is seeking. They then claim that those with opposite views are sceptics.

The scare tactics used by



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climate-change alarmists is further proof as to how they manipulate society.

They have even had the Federal Government propose an emissions trading scheme that will cost the population billions of dollars.

Brokers will be the only beneficiaries and farmers will be the big losers.

If our city-centric governments are worried about food prices today, current prices will seem cheap compared to what will

happen under an emissions trading scheme.

We have had 12 years of below-average rainfall.

If these alarmists would stop burying their heads in the sand while shouting for funds, and study the weather patterns of a century ago, they would discover a dry spell from 1896 to 1914, when the mighty Murray was dry.

The nation didn't stop, fish returned, farmers coped and the wonderful Goulburn Murray Irrigation System was created.

How is it that the International Panel on Climate Change can so forcefully claim what the temperature will be in a 100 years when the weather bureaus often get it wrong forecasting a week ahead?

No satisfactory explanation has been given by the IPCC of

why significant periods of temperature falls or no change occurred over the last 130 years in the face of CO2 emissions.

These include the period from 1940 to 1975, when talk was of the beginning of an ice age, and from 1998 to now.

Claims are made that there is scientific consensus supporting IPCC conclusions, this is not true.

The latest such dissenting group comprises more than 30,000 scientists in the US who have signed a petition denying any link between human activity and global warming.

An inquiry into the science used by the IPCC should be undertaken before any policies such as emissions trading are implemented.

Australia has authoritative and qualified scientists who could undertake such an inquiry.

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Spotlight on e-farming

By FELICITY LUNGHUSEN

DAIRY farmers might one day find themselves clicking their computer mouse on a satellite image of their herd to move them from the paddock to the milking shed.

Farms across Australia and the world are increasingly being driven by new technology, from automated irrigation to robotic dairies.

This rapidly developing world will be explained to northern Victorian farmers later this month.

Local service providers will address issues such as water trading, buying commodities, buying a computer, herd management software, internet banking and connection during the technology day.

Organised by the Young Dairy Development Program, the day aims to show farmers how information technology could help them make more-informed decisions for their businesses.

It will be held on July 23 at the Department of Primary Industries office in Kyabram.

YDDP committee member Tim Gentle, a web designer who also milks cows, said information technology played a vital role in decision-making on farm.

"It offers so many tools to help make better-informed decisions and make life easier," he said.



Web wisdom: Tim Gentle has helped to organise the technology day for dairy farmers.

"There is a new generation of dairy farmers coming through and technology is second nature to us, but not to the older generation.

"There are those people who adopt and commit to the technology and improve the farm. But there are those who have a go and incur some problems and then lose faith.

"It takes patience to adopt

different technologies but the end result outweighs the manual way because we find you can make savings with labour, time and stress."

Tim hopes the day will give confidence to young farmers to adopt the technologies to enhance the farm.

"Rather than missing the boat in buying hay advertised in the paper,

for example, you can have alerts sent on the mobile," he said.

"It might mean a farmer can be ordering their feed on a palm pilot while they are on the tractor or bike bringing in the cows for milking."

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