

Double Glaze Matters

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Clean up Australia Day- Sun March 3rd

Clean Up Australia Day started in 1990 and is still goes strong. Visit the website to find your local sites.

If you are in the Montmorency area, turn up in the main street (Were st.) between 10:30 and 11:30

I am away for the weekend, so I went out and cleaned up rubbish in my street—Old Eltham rd today. I only covered 500 metres but easily picked up 3 bags of rubbish.

It always amazes me how people can throw rubbish from a car. I just couldn't do it.

If you are going for a walk on Sunday, take a shopping bag with you and pick up any rubbish you find!

Population Control

I spend a lot of time worrying about the future of the world, but rather than finding a solution, I just get more depressed.

When you look at the major issues facing the world, Climate Change, water shortage, food shortage, they all come down to humans using more and more of the available earth resources.

The solutions around carbon emissions centre on energy efficiency and use of renewable energy. The thing that is generally ignored is the impact of population growth.

While the annual population growth has dropped from 2% to 1.2%, it is not heading to 0% growth. A 1.0%

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*Clean Up Australia
Day
Montmorency Food
Swap*

*Sun 3rd Mar,
10:30—11:30*

*Main shopping area Mont-
morency*

*Bring your home grown
produce to swap and col-*



Franciscus Henri's contribution

Population Control

growth leads to a 50% increase in 40 years. If we want to reduce total carbon emissions by 25% over 40 years, we need a 50% reduction per head. And when undeveloped countries want to grow per head consumption (a reasonable suggestion) the problem is even worse

The same is true for the other problems of water shortage and food shortage. We have to become more efficient just to stay where we are.

While the population growth has existed for a long time with Thomas Malthus predicting doom back in 1800, the size of the earth's population is now so large that the effect is magnified.

Can we control the population? Our current approach is rather haphazard. We rely on the idea that as people become more affluent, the need for big families reduces. The hope is that people would prefer to spend their money on enjoying life rather than having bigger families.

China's solution of a 1 child family is effective, but has many unintended social consequences.

The problem is compounded by the fact that our economies are based

on growth. This growth is fueled by population growth and consumption growth.

No government is willing to curtail population growth because of its risk to GDP growth. Basically, if the population stopped growing, we would no longer need more infrastructure so our economy would falter.

There are some who say you can have growth in GDP without growth in consumption and without growth in population. I am skeptical.

And during the next 7 months of the election campaign, I suspect no one will be offering a solution!

Anyway, that is the end of my rant!

LED lights

I received some feedback on LED lights from some readers.

One stated that they lost 3 globes that blew during an electrical storm, and another stated that they had had problems with interference on their radio.

While I suppose voltage surges during a storm will knock out electronic devices, I am surprised that they could sell globes that issue radio interference. Has anyone else had a similar problem?

Population growth rate ?

