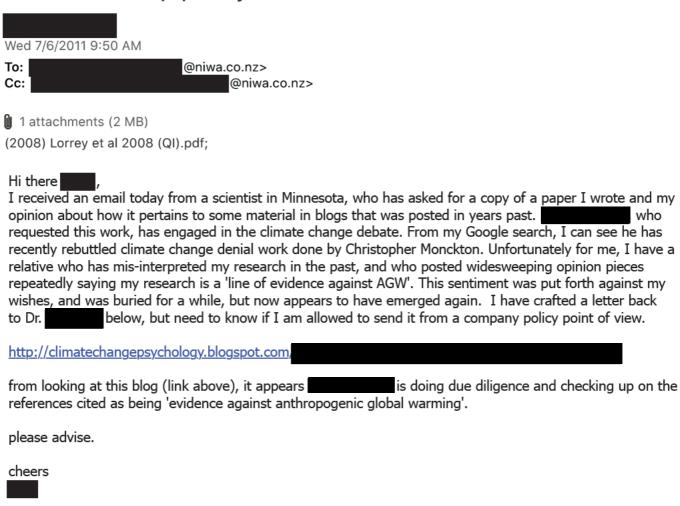
## Re: feedback on a paper of yours



Please find the publication attached.

HΙ

The paper I wrote certainly does not disprove AGW, and it does nothing to approach that particular subject of climate science. The comments about the work I had published with my coauthors were made in blogs and the opinions espoused were most likely instigated by a relative of mine. I have not spoken with him for nearly half a decade or more because of this issue, and I don't expect to ever again. He has made erroneous and far-fetched claims in the past, most being completely inaccurate. The citation of my work in skeptics blogs was an attempt to generate 'mana' for my relative, the weakest way to try and estabish an 'authoritative opinion' based on a direct association between us (ie getting the story 'from the horse's mouth" must be good inside information). This couldn't be farther from the truth. Any opinions that have been expressed in those blog fora are not my own, and I do not subscribe to the conclusions that have been so uncarefully drawn from my work.

In 2003 or 2004, while still a student at university, I asked my relative (and implored others close to him) that he not make these comments. He disregarded my requests. As a result, I chose to disregard him, and I have nothing more to do with him. He has since continued this behaviour. He has also done similar things with research undertaken by my sister, so you might consider his lengthy stream of opinion-pieces as not being part of an isolated incident. I don't choose to understand what motive or reason he might have decided on for continuing this type of behaviour.

The question about the global extent of the MWP or MCA is still very much being researched by the international palaeoclimate community, and those here in New Zealand. As you have suggested we are finding out more details about the spatial variability during this important period, and putting signals we see

in proxies for warm and cold intervals into context. We also have a long way to go to understand the dynamics between the hemispheres that existed at that time and why the patterns existed and changed. Understanding the natural variability of the past is one key component to preparing for future changes, including the changes expected from global warming. My job is to establish as best possible what the past was like, and that is all the paper I wrote sought to achieve.



Pardon this intrusion but I've come across some of your publications recently. One, in particular, has caught my attention. It is:

Lorrey, A., Williams, P., Salinger, J., Martin, T., Palmer, J., Fowler, A., Zhao, J.-X. and Neil, H. 2008. Speleothem stable isotope records interpreted within a multi-proxy framework and implications for New Zealand palaeoclimate reconstruction. *Quaternary International* **187**: 52-75.

The reason this is of interest to me is that a group is claiming that your work showing the presence of a MWP disproves AGW theory. I know that a MWP certainly existed and its magnitude varied spatially, that is not in doubt. I just wonder though, would you agree with the claim that the MWP was "global in extent and warmer than today's temperatures"? Also, do you believe your work "disproves" AGW?

Thanks for the response. I look forward to receiving it and reading your research in the future.



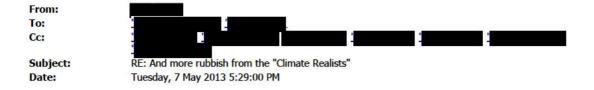
# response to Lord Monckton

Mon 7/18/2011 8:25 AM

To: @niwa.co.nz>
Cc: @niwa.co.nz>

I see I wasn't the only one who's work was misrepresented.

http://www.skepticalscience.com/news.php?n=879



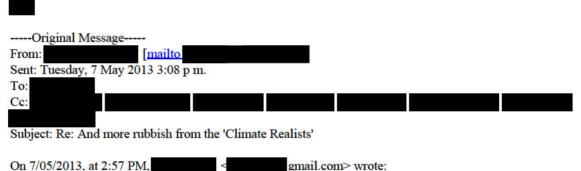
An interesting newsweekly article, with several very curious aspects:

- \* article is dated May 11, 2013, although already published online, so when did Monckton actually write the piece?
- \* he states the TV channel failed "to give me any opportunity to appear on the program or to reply". But he DID appear in a May 3 interview,

http://www.ch9.co nz/interviews

\* I was amazed to learn that "The world warmed by 5 Co in just three years at the end of the last Ice Age 11,400 years ago." Wow, that would be some warming if it actually applied to the globe as a whole!

And, BTW, I thought gave an excellent interview - very thoughtful and calm.



- On 7/05/2013, at 2:57 PM,
- > Monckton sums up his tour > takes more swipes

> http://www.newsweekly.com.au/article.php?id=5559

#### Blimey.

> If neither the chancellor nor (in due course) the police will act, I shall return to New Zealand and lodge a private prosecution.

Since he's still busy libelling the VUW 3, surely it's time for VUW to issue a "cease and desist" letter?



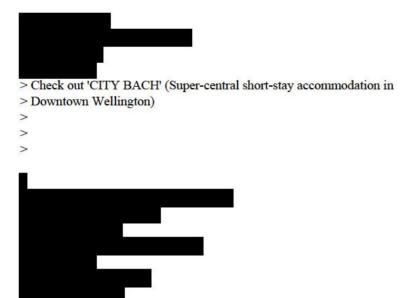
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Date: Attachments: 3900 001.pdf

From: printer@niwa.co.nz [mailto:printer@niwa.co.nz]
Sent: Tuesday, 16 April 2013 11:13 a.m.
To:
Subject: Attached Image

From: To: Cc: Subject: RE: Monckton complaint to VUW Date: Tuesday, 16 April 2013 9:51:00 AM
Hi  Are you asking me if I have received such a letter?
No, I haven't. And in any case, I would think a complaint would be lodged with rather than a letter directly to me. I asked about this yesterday, and he is not aware of anything.
Original Message From: Sent: Tuesday, 16 April 2013 9:42 a m. To: Subject: RE: Monckton complaint to VUW
And on it goes
Have you received a similar letter?  My advice would be for everyone to ignore his complaints.
Doing anything else is just giving him more air time - which is what he's aiming for.
From: Sent: Monday, 15 April 2013 3:03 p m. To: Subject: FW: Monckton complaint to VUW
Original Message From: [mailto] Sent: Monday, 15 April 2013 2:41 p m. To: Cc: Subject: Re: Monckton complaint to VUW
: http://hot-topic.co.nz/moaning-minnie-monckton-attacks-academic-freedom-support-the-vuw-three/
About as predictable as Monckton, I am
I've saved your libel story for later
On 13/04/2013, at 5:21 PM, squared squ
> Hi

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deadline is 13 May. Monckton is the tedious distraction I just don't need - and you can quote me on that! I'll
get back to you with more info, if I have some "down time"
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> Cheers
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> On 13 April 2013 09:49,
> On 12/04/2013, at 2:12 PM,
                                                       gmail.com> wrote:
>> presumably you've seen this?
>> http://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/PO1304/S00138/lord-moncktons-complain
>> t-to-victoria-university htm
>>
>>
        VUW might want to discuss with UTAS as Monckton did similar
>> complaint there. See Graham Readfearn's blog
>> http://www.desmogblog.com/2013/03/02/lord-monckton-threatens-climate
>> -scientists-again
>> I'm in Sydney, but still on the case
> Good morning all (NB I've added
                                    to the list),
> What a remarkable piece of work is Monckton...
> I see Stuff has picked up on this:
> http://www.stuff.co.nz/national/education/8545516/Sceptics-ire-amuses-
> but-views-retain-sting
> I'd really like to ignore this episode, since it's all about attention-seeking by the potty peer, but I'll have to do
                       . I have in mind a "Support the VUW three" (*) post, pointing out the inanity and
hypocrisy of the good Lord's complaints. (I have a youtube clip of him claiming he's been bullied!). Accusing
of fraud for using an IPCC graph is about as cogent as his supposed "expert review" of WG1, which on
reading appears to only refer to the SPM!
> If the three have passport-style mugshots they could send me, that would be very helpful...
> Let me know if you have any extra info (background, off the record etc, all grist to the mill).
         can I go public with his libel threat to you?
> Cheers
> (*) Sorry
                  but the
                                           is just too insider for a wide
> audience...;-)
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"Let's think the unthinkable, let's do the undoable, let's prepare to grapple with the ineffable itself, and see if we may not eff it after all." (Douglas Adams)

To: Cc: Subject: Date:	RE: Friday light relief Friday, 12 April 2013 2:36:00 PM
Warm Period apparently M would like to temperature getting to me And, no, I hav are bac	CC graph. How often have we seen the IPCC 1990 (Lamb) graph of the Medieval used to argue the MWP was warmer than 'today'. was telling me that lonckton had a few slides devoted to him (northern in the presentation, and find out what they are. Also heard Monckton is accusing NIWA of faking our data to create lager warming. (Sorry, that should be "larger" – the beer fumes are
To: Subject: FW:	[mailto: 12 April 2013 2:24 p.m.  Friday light relief  ment there this time. Must be confused and stressed out by my need to apologise
To: Subject: RE: Beautiful – has	12 April 2013 2:16 p.m.  Friday light relief You'll have heard about the attached (which I suppose I shouldn't send to you) received a similar letter about your disgraceful conduct? y having a drink tonight!

		a.co.nz]		
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To: Cc: Subject: Date: Attachments:	Possible Media Enquiries re Lord Monckton Thursday, 11 April 2013 4:59:20 PM Potential responses to Monckton-related Questions 10 Apr 2013[1][1].docx
Moncktons' visi	some enquiries from media and through the NIWA Facebook page regarding Lord to / talks. If you do receive such an enquiry, please refer the caller (or email) through to d she will either deal with it herself or farm it out to me or
with enquiries ( is get drawn into responses will b	ation, I've attached some notes and I have prepared together, to help us Lord Monckton's NZ tour lasts through to the end of April). What we do NOT want to do a fruitless media or internet debate (for the reasons outlined in the note) - any e designed so as not to open a bunch of further questions. Likewise, we would not tion to participate in face-to-face debates.
Regards -	

From:

From:
To:
Subject:
RE: Draft answers to Facebook and Media Questions
Wednesday, 10 April 2013 4:02:39 PM

Many thanks

As discussed - happy to have requests for comment on Monckton forwarded to me first, to give you time to prepare your answers and then call the reporter back.

I will keep an eye on media coverage as well and let you both know if anything of particular interest comes up.

Kind regards



----Original Message----

From:

Sent: Wednesday, 10 April 2013 10:10 a m.

To:

Subject: RE: Draft answers to Facebook and Media Questions

Hi

I've attached a suggested version which accepts most of your comments (including suggestions about material to remove). My main substantive suggestion is to reword sentences regarding scientists' disagreement with Monckton's interpretation of their work in a way which "reports" this through reference to documentation of such disagreement.

Regards -

From: To: Subject: RE: Draft answers to Facebook and Media Questions Date: Tuesday, 9 April 2013 3:40:43 PM Proposed Responses to Monckton-related Questions BM GS.doc Attachments: and I agree – what you have written is very good. I have made a few comments in the attached version for your consideration. Thought you might also like this: <a href="http://sciblogs.co.nz/griffins-gadgets/2013/04/08/moncktons-">http://sciblogs.co.nz/griffins-gadgets/2013/04/08/moncktons-</a> nightmare-week-in-new-zealand/ Kind regards From: **Sent:** Tuesday, 9 April 2013 12:31 p.m. **Subject:** RE: Draft answers to Facebook and Media Questions What you have written is fine. I have added some extra comment. Also see second attached file, which is an extract from ClimateConversation From: Sent: Tuesday, 9 April 2013 2:27 a.m.

As promised this afternoon, I've attached my draft attempt at an answer to the facebook question, and at some answers to potential media questions related to Lord Monckton's speaking tour.

I look forward to your ideas for improvements.

**Subject:** Draft answers to Facebook and Media Questions

Regards -



Date: Friday, 5 April 2013 3:15:48 PM



No - hadn't seen that latest NZ Herald article.

I'm not sure I would describe it as a back down by the Herald. They would probably say it provides the balance that Monckton accused them of not having in the first place – the irony being that it does him no favours at all.

It is a difficult one to balance — if you engage with him the resulting "debate" can generate more publicity for him (as in this case) but to not comment can result in one-sided stories in his favour. Hopefully the initial media interest in him being here again will soon subside — but you can guarantee that he try hard to ensure it doesn't by being as alarmist/challenging/threatening as he can.

From:

Sent: Friday, 5 April 2013 12:46 p.m.

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Subject: Monckton again

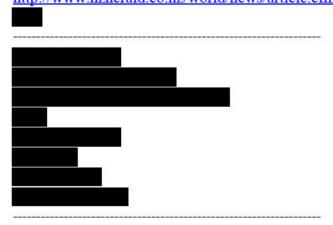
Hi

You may have seen the following back-down from the Herald, which has got the emails flying this morning:

http://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c\_id=1&objectid=10875414

Also, here is a good perspective on debating Monckton from his 2011 visit:

http://www.nzherald.co.nz/world/news/article.cfm?c\_id=2&objectid=10742945



From: To: Cc: Subject: Date:	RE: Question on Facebook about Monckton Friday, 5 April 2013 1:43:22 PM
issues in the masked a direct arrogance, or fadd further to To that end, simple, tweet-	vunderstand the general position and policy around discussing climate-related redia sphere. Social media, however, works rather differently. There, silence when question is deafening, and is generally taken by people as a sign of disingenuity, fear (or a mixture of these), all of which carry reputational risks for NIWA and can the flames of our critics' fires.  Thought (with agreement) that it would be good to have one length (120-130 characters) statement which we could use on our social media never asked a question over the next few weeks about Monckton and related
developed is the negative, and of The other thing 24 hours to resign generally view.	rocess behind the simple (and vanilla very much on purpose) statement we not it doesn't specifically address any particular people, is positive rather than can address a wide variety of questions.  If to bear in mind with social media is the very fast timelines which occur — taking spond is seen as a long time, and timelines stretching to almost a week are, again, and negatively.  Puts everything into context a little better:)
To: Cc:	v, 4 April 2013 8:20 p.m.; Question on Facebook about Monckton
question is very	onse is not to engage on something this politically loaded, particularly when the open ended. My understanding is that this is the policy in the climate area. If there isks for NIWA I'm happy to revise this decision, if these risks can be explained.
Alternatively, I'	m happy to pass the decision onto
Cheers	
To: Cc:	Question on Facebook about Monckton
Hi I Talked to too long and interview. Are so I thought I s	and explained our interest in providing a reply. I think your extended version is thought it went further away from actually address the points raised in the we OK to post and my version? , you're in absence, hould bring you in the loop.

From: Sent: Thursday, 4 April 2013 9:33 a.m. To: Cc: Subject: RE: Question on Facebook about Monckton Hi I don't know if you have replied as yet, but I see no point if you are going to make such a vanilla statement. Why should we care what 'Jamie Dickens' thinks?
Sent: Wednesday, 3 April 2013 5:50 p.m.  To: Cc: Subject: RE: Question on Facebook about Monckton Hi all, and and all all all also agree with the idea that engaging with Monckton wwill only create more publicity for him but I also agree with accomment in a timely manner.  What about "We welcome scientific debate but the evidence is clear that climate change is occurring Part of NIWA's role is enable New Zealanders to adapt to the impacts and exploit the opportunities of climate change. We are continue to do that."  - I know its too long but something that conveys sentiment?
From: Sent: Wednesday, 3 April 2013 4:51 p.m. To: ; Cc: Subject: RE: Question on Facebook about Monckton
Hi All, and I came up with "We welcome scientific debate, but the evidence is clear that climate change is occurring and primarily anthropogenic." As a general social media response on the subject. What does everyone else think? cheers,
From: Sent: Wednesday, 3 April 2013 4:20 p.m. To: Cc: Subject: RE: Question on Facebook about Monckton Hi We prefer not to engage in any debate, so I think the best thing is not to respond. — what do you think? Thanks

cheers,

From:

Sent: Wednesday, 3 April 2013 2:35 p.m.

To:

Subject: Question on Facebook about Monckton

Hi all

We've had a message on Facebook about our feelings on Monckton and his visit...

#### **Jamie Dickens**

· whats your opinion on this

http://www.newstalkzb.co.nz/auckland/player/ondemand/tfapr3monck

There's a Stuff article out which quotes basically saying Monckton's full of it. <a href="http://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c">http://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c</a> id=1&objectid=10874950&ref=rss

Do we want to respond at all? I always thing we should (even with something very simple) rather than just remaining silent, but climate is something of a fraught topic...

I imagine Monckton's visit may engender quite a lot of attention for NIWA anyway, so in case we haven't yet, perhaps we should prep something anyway in response to his, um, points? Regards



Hi all,

please keep this to yourself, but this is APNZ explanation for the follow-up piece about Monckton:

"We were caught between the proverbial rock and a hard place.

"Lord Monckton wanted a right of reply, which I felt he deserved after reviewing the story.

"The original story didn't appear in print so the print Herald wouldn't publish his letter. Online doesn't publish letters full stop so the compromise was to put his right of reply into story form."

APNZ screwed up by not at least attempting to approach Monckton to respond to the claims levelled at him in the first piece. I suspect they feared a Press Council complaint and loss (and the resulting obligatory retraction) over that and felt the best way to deal with it was to do the follow up article.

Not ideal either way - the reporter could have covered himself with a cursory attempt to contact Monckton. Even if he wasn't able to reach him, it would have ticked the box for the Press Council reviewing a story for "balance".



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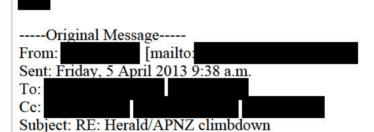
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> this is unbelievable.
> any chance of going back to APNZ about this? This is appalling. They have caved to Monckton's threats and run this terrible piece.
> Did anyone talk with APNZ about Monckton's letter yesterday?
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www.sciencemediacentre.co.nz www.sciblogs.co.nz From:
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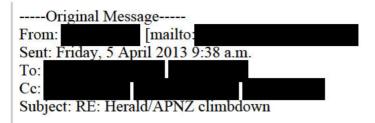
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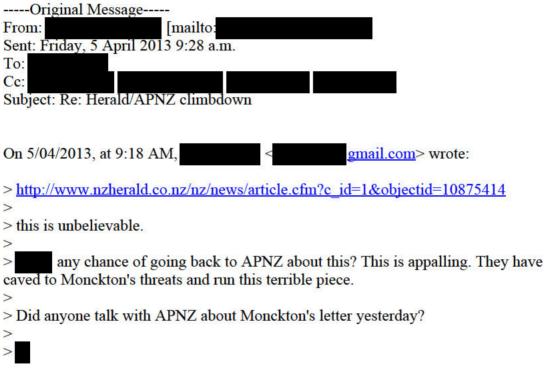
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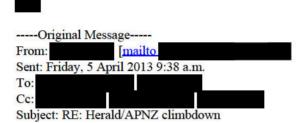
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To:
Subject:
FW: Question on Facebook about Monckton
Date:
Wednesday, 3 April 2013 5:00:00 PM

### Hi Guys

Just listened to Monckton's interview on newstalkszb – responding to the NZ Herald article to some degree. Called us liars and politicians.

From:
Sent: Wednesday, 3 April 2013 4:20 p.m.

Subject: RE: Question on Facebook about Monckton

Hi

Cc:

We prefer not to engage in any debate, so I think the best thing is not to respond. — what do you think?

Thanks

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**NEW ZEALAND** 

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Hi

My opinion is that we don't want to give Monckton's tour any publicity. I felt it necessary to give an initial response (to the APN journalist), but there is no point in endlessly recycling the same thing.

-Thanks for link to newstalkzb; I'm listening to it now.

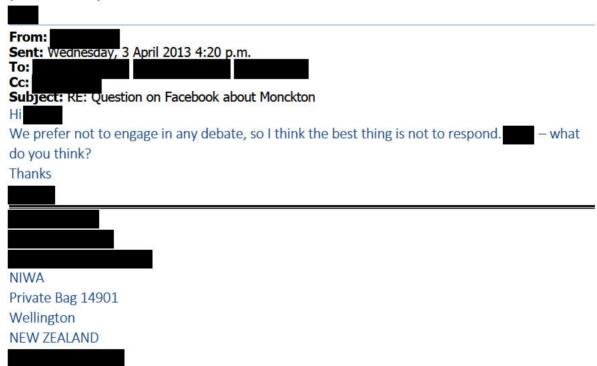
He is emphasising the old logical error that lack of significant warming in the last 17 years means that warming has stopped.

Think about the old adage "Absence of evidence is not evidence of absence".

Using a period as short as 17 years, we cannot DISprove the null hypothesis that the trend is zero (no warming), but equally we cannot disprove the hypothesis that the trend is +0.2 degrees

Celsius per decade (ie, higher that the last 50 years of the 20<sup>th</sup> century). Basically, 17 years is too short to disprove anything (except cooling). And why is ~17 years used anyway? Because near the beginning of this period is the huge temperature spike of 1998, which at the time was unprecedented in 150 years of instrumental observations. But we have now beaten the 1998 record twice – in 2005 and 2010!

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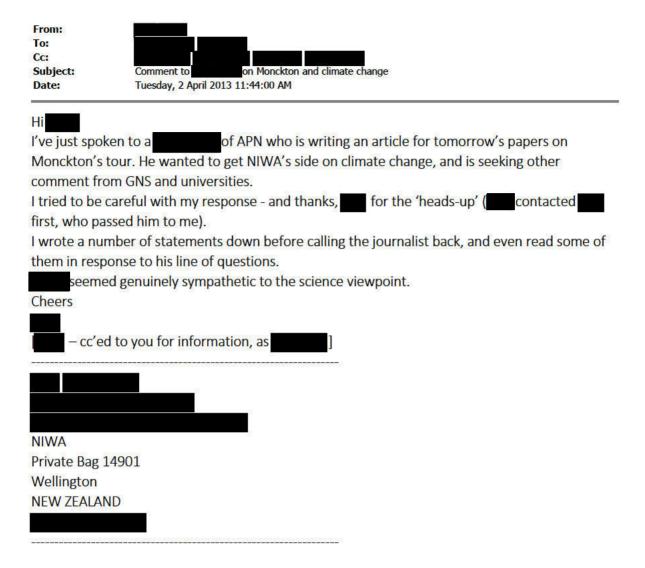
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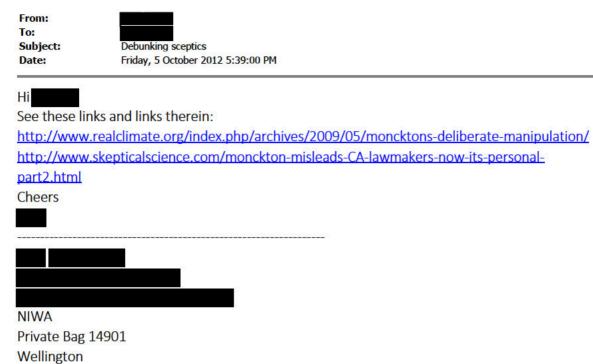
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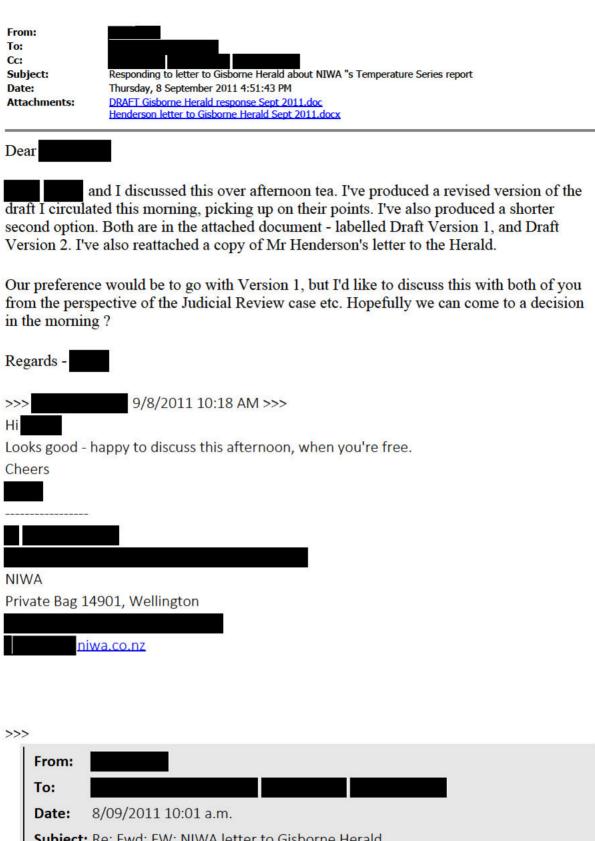
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See attached – something I came across on the internet





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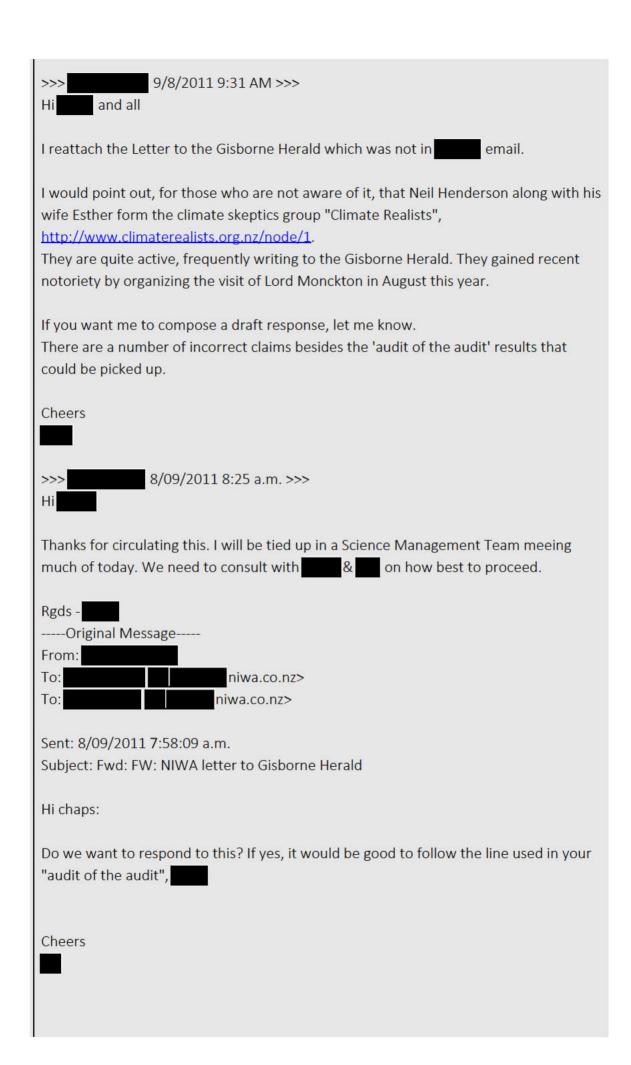
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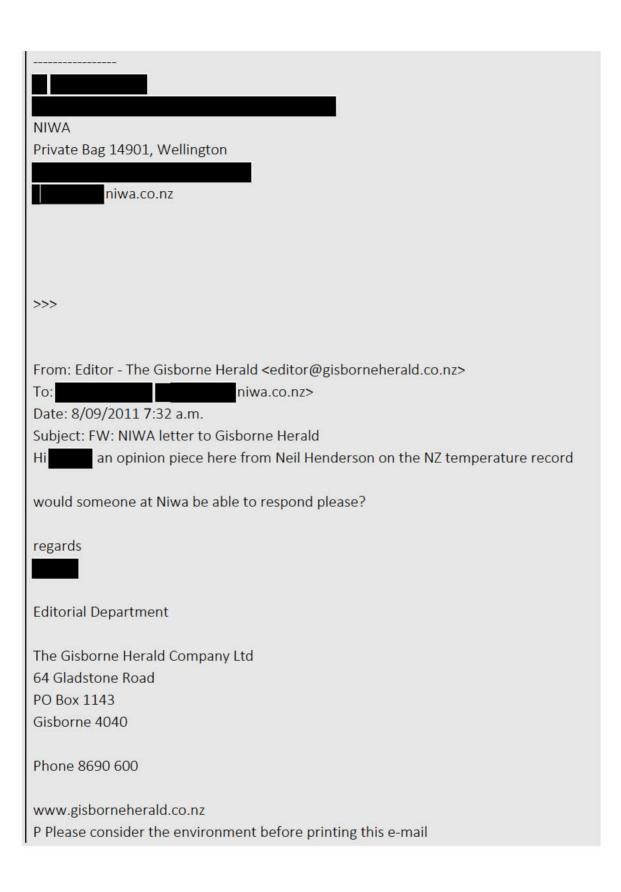
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Thanks

I've attached a possible draft response - which we could discuss (along with whether to send it, and if so any possible changes) this afternoon. I'm leaving now for my SMT meeting.

Regards -





From:
To:

Subject: Re: FW: A Cool Look at Global Warming
Date: Friday, 19 August 2011 5:26:31 PM

Attachments: Comment re-Lavoisier-presentation Aug2011.DOCX

Hi

Thanks for the copy of this Lavoisier Group presentation. There are a number of such presentations out there, and also lots of debunking responses.

For example, do a Google search for "Lord Monckton" (another skeptic) and "John Abraham" (who has shot down Monckton's presentations).

The Lavoisier claims actually don't seem "fair enough" to me.

I think in the interest of fairness, perhaps you could also circulate links clarifying just who the Lavoisier group is, and links debunking the many repetitious claims by skeptics (see attached).

In the interests of (my) time, just consider a couple of points:

- 1) "CO2 essential to life and ridiculous to be considered a pollutant": does this make sense if you replace "CO2" by "water"? This isn't science at all, just illogic.
- 2) Anthropogenic input of CO2 is only 3% this deliberately conflates an annual flux with a reservoir concentration to downplay the human factor:

i.e., anthropogenic contribution to annual flux of CO2 into the atmosphere is indeed only 3%, but this is 3% on top of the '100% in' and '100% out' that was in balance before the industrial age. Thus, ALL the atmospheric increase (of about 30% since pre-industrial times) is due to this extra anthropogenic CO2. Check the realclimate.org and skepticalscience.com web sites for lots of other good science.

Cheers

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8/19/2011 8:35 a.m. >>>

This was distributed by email at my work (Waikato Regional Council) it all seems fair enough to me.

But I was wondering if you saw any majorly misleading info?

If you do could you let me know and I can pass this on to those distributing the presentation. I am not contracting you to do this work, just asking if you have time for a brief comment out of my interest.

Cheers

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From:
To:
Cc:

Subject: Re: Fwd: Mediaportal Alert - NIWA Press - here THE STORY FROM WEEKEND HERLAD

Date: Monday, 18 July 2011 12:40:34 PM

Hi

Yes, I was forewarned about the piece on de Freitas and so bought a copy of the Weekend Herald on Saturday. So I have the clipping.

And re Monckton, we don't want to be drawn into a sideshow on the NZCSC's terms that just provides publicity for their views.

Having said that, can you please provide me with a disguise, an ACT supporter's badge, and duct tape (for my mouth!). Thanks. Oh, plus \$150 entry fee to the talk.

>>> 7/18/2011 10:21 a.m. >>> thanks

good piece.

Also, I totally agree with response to the invitation to debate global warming with Monckton - the time for debate has long passed, and to do so would merely give the visit credibility it did not deserve. No question it would an interesting experience, but not one that would serve us well.

it would be interesting to hear him speak, but it might require wearing a disguise, biting one's tongue, and sitting on one's hands. A bit like a United supporter visiting Anfield - one wouldn't want to be seen doing so.

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Re: The good lord taketh away...

Date:
Thursday, 14 July 2011 10:11:10 PM

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Campbell doesn't interview visiting celebs any more - I was given a firm shove from them when I made the approach for Jim Hansen.? It's Sainsbury who could, and we need to see that off.

Kim Hill, if briefed, could take him apart.?? But still a risk.

Perhaps NZ climate scientists could write - and sign on to - a similar open letter to that published by the Australian lot on <u>The Conversation</u>.? To be published a few days before he arrives.? NOT mentioning Monckton.?

But while it might be tempting, a debate is exactly what Monckton wants, so we need to ensure that it's exactly what he doesn't get.? He loves the stage; he is highly skilled, which is why he is flown around the world to debate people, and why he continues to challenge those who refuse to.

http://wn.com/Debate Lord Monckton!

Have a listen to this <a href="http://blogs.abc.net.au/nsw/2011/07/lord-christopher-monckton-interview.html">http://blogs.abc.net.au/nsw/2011/07/lord-christopher-monckton-interview.html</a>

Then these comments afterward from Karl Braganza (Aust met office) - not for distribution of course:

"For my mind it just reinforces that this person should not be given oxygen and that those on the side of good science continue to struggle to take hold of the scientific framing and an appropriate policy agenda. Why was he interviewed?

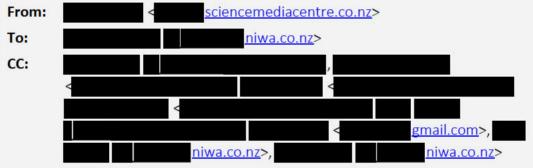
I have my own (willing) test subjects - and they reported that they got nothing out of this interview other than that scientists were arguing about the science. They found it difficult to follow most of the interview. The differentiation between real academic qualifications and made up ones had no cut through at all. Monckton sounds like he knows his subject-yes he sounds slippery, but that was hard to judge.

I've been doing this for about 3 years. My test subjects (taken from my martial arts club, so extremely varying levels of education, including not finishing high school) are only just now becoming compromised as a control group- through exposure to the material I send them. That has taken three years- i.e. they pretty much retained nothing from the science material they have been exposed to over two years.

I have found through the same anecdotal process that messages with the biggest cut through are all simple appeal to authority. This is well known in PR, and it is why the skeptics go in hard against statement that appeal to authority.

For example- no one understands the micro-biology or medical risk- they just accept the authority. If you asked any person outside medical research exactly what it is about





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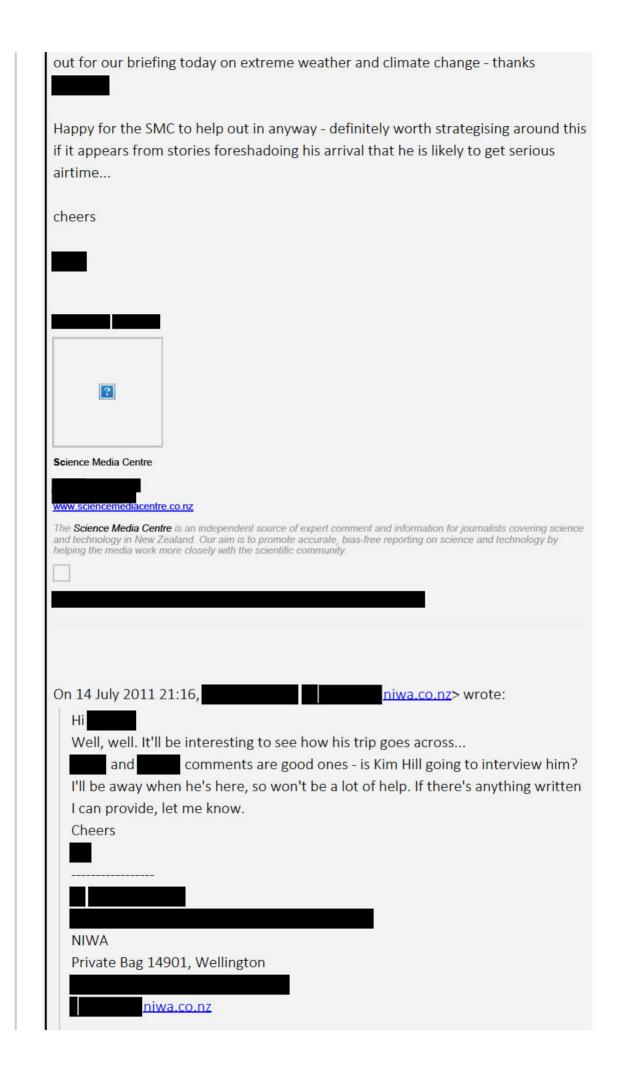
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I think we can expect to see a Wishart-penned cover story in Investigate and the Climate Sciene Coalition, Leighton Smith, ACT etc will be in top gear.

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http://www.climateconversation.wordshine.co.nz/2011/07/monckton-to-visit-new-zealand/

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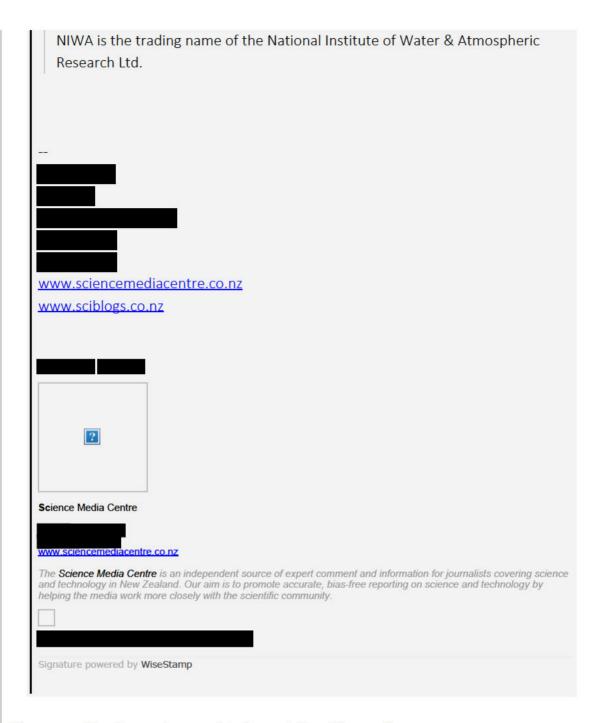
We need a carefully coordinated response. We can't afford to be reactive - we need to be proactive.

I am at your collective disposal, but will unfortunately be leaving NZ on Aug 3 for an overseas trip. But can be primed and ready to go with whatever's necessary.

Cheers

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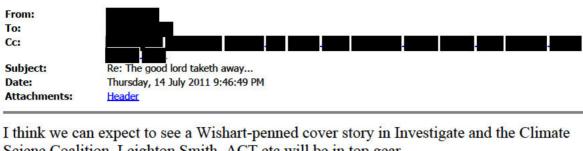
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Happy for the SMC to help out in anyway - definitely worth strategising around this if it appears from stories foreshadoing his arrival that he is likely to get serious airtime...

cheers

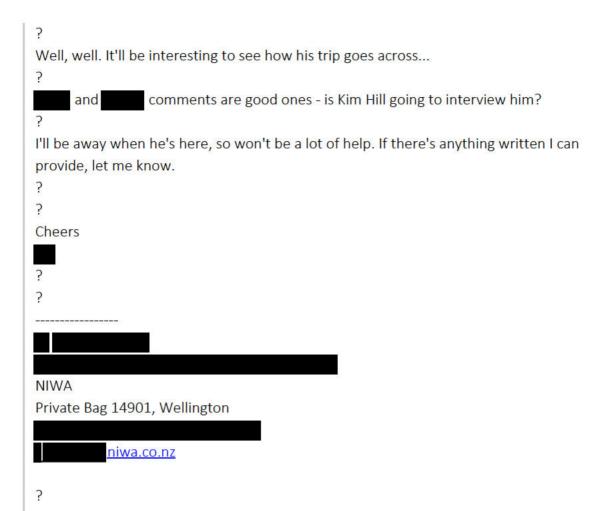
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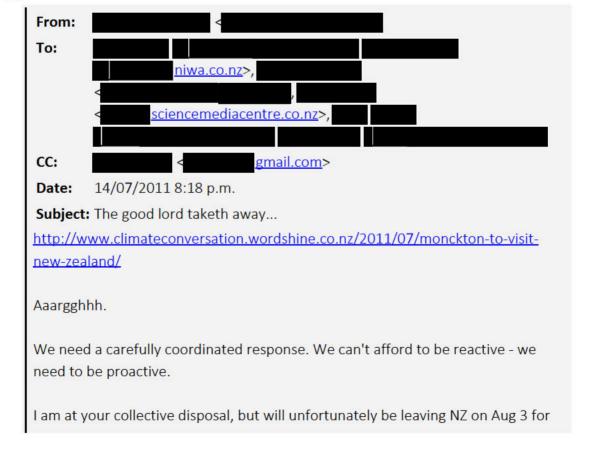
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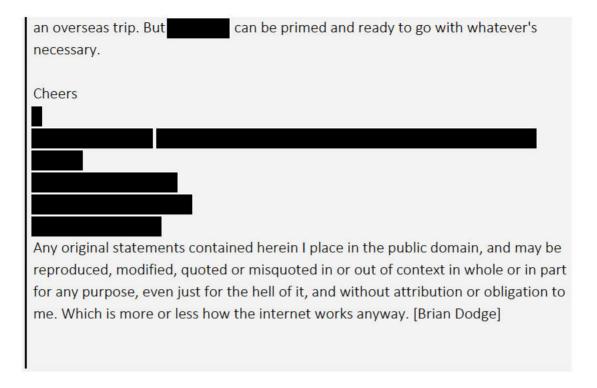
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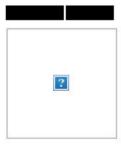




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Subject: Monckton document - includes NZ series

Date: Wednesday, 3 February 2010 12:56:39 PM

Attachments: Monckton-Caught Green-Handed Climategate Scandal.pdf

See attached for a PDF sent to me by Vince Gray - attributed to Lord Monckton/Nigel Lawson. Some of the graphics are the same as in a PPT of his that I came across on the web the other day. It's stirring stuff, including the section on the nefarious activities of NIWA. Could we sue?!? Cheers,

NIWA

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Private Bag 14901, Wellington

From: To: Cc: Subject: Re: Monckton

Date: Sunday, 24 February 2008 12:40:40 PM

Attachments: <u>Header</u>

Hi

As promised earlier this month, here are my answers to your questions.

Regards -

At 11:36 AM +1300 1/2/08, <

Dear

I would appreciate your help on two points to aid my understanding of climate change.

1. At the Bali proceedings, Christopher Monckton claimed IPCC were in error by a factor of twenty, through ignoring (repealing, I think he said) the Stephan-Boltzmann equation.

Has there been a response to this? It seems to me that if he is wrong, he iis easily demolished? The worry is that silence can imply that there is none, and he is right.

There have been various postings on the internet addressing Monckton's claims about climate sensitivity and the Stephan-Boltzmann law. Most of them track back to an article by Gavin Schmidt on realclimate.org (see

http://www.realclimate.org/index.php/archives/2006/11/cuckoo-science/), and some of them mix "scientific" rebuttal of Monckton's claims with personal criticism of Monckton (which might put you off a bit).

The argument appears to be around the "climate sensitivity" ie the <u>equilibrium</u> global surface mean air temperature change for a given change in radiative flux at the <u>tropopause</u> (10-12 km altitude) (units of climate sensitivity are °C change per W/m2 forcing).

The Stephan-Boltzmann law gives a relationship between change in temperature and change in radiation for a <u>black body</u>. (A black body absorbs all radiation incident upon it and re-radiates energy which is characteristic of this radiating system only, not dependent upon the type of radiation which is incident upon it).

However as Schmidt explains in the RealClimate posting, the Earth is NOT a black body because of a multitude of feedbacks occurring in the troposphere (e.g. ice-albedo feedback, water-vapour feedback, cloud feedback etc) which affect the relationship between change in radiative forcing at the tropopause and change in surface-averaged temperature. These effects lead to a climate sensitivity significantly higher than what you would obtain from a simple application of the Stephan-Boltzmann law.

The other point Schmidt makes is that climate sensitivity is an equilibrium concept - in his words "it tells you the temperature that you get to eventually". He points out that in a transient situation (such as we have at present), there is a lag related to the slow warm up of the oceans, which implies that the temperature takes a number of decades to catch up with the forcings. If you don't take that into account it will make the observed 'sensitivity' smaller than it should be (because you are dividing by an "observed" temperature change which is less than the eventual "equilibrium" temperature change).

So the work assessed by the IPCC has not "ignored" or "repealed" the Stephan-Boltzmann law. It has tried to deal properly with the radiation physics etc in order to incorporate the effects discussed above.

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2. I am still not clear how the CO2 - and other GHGs - control effects when water vapour is the main absorber, as I understand it. Is there a model or somesuch which explains it in terms this long-retired scientist can understand.

Here is my attempt at a relatively simple explanation.

First of all, the effect of water vapour is taken into account directly in estimating the "natural greenhouse greenhouse effect" contribution to temperature one would expect for the earth's surface in the absence of anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions. Water vapour contributes of the order of 60-70% of the "natural greenhouse effect".

However, when it comes to considering changes, water vapour is dealt with as a <u>feedback</u> rather than as a forcing. There are huge sources of water vapour around the globe (e.g. the oceans) and processes which efficiently remove water vapour from the atmosphere (e.g. rain). Over time scales of a year or so, the amount of water vapour in the earth's atmosphere is essentially determined by the planet's temperature. (All other things being equal, extra water vapour tends to fall out as rain).

However, if the temperature of the atmosphere is increased by some process (e.g. radiative forcing from increasing greenhouse gas concentrations, or changes in energy impinging on the earth from the sun), then the overall amount of water vapour in the atmosphere is expected to increase. (This is partly because the "saturation" amount of water vapour which the air can hold goes up with temperature). Because water vapour is an effective greenhouse gas, this provides a "feedback" which would increase the temperature change for a given forcing from e.g. an increased concentration of anthropogenic greenhouse gases, or an increase in solar radiation arriving from the sun. These effects are included in the calculations which run within GCMs.

The eruption of Mt Pinatubo provided a test (in the opposite direction) of some of these effects, since the injection of volcanic aerosols into the stratosphere provided a negative forcing - ie cooling effect. Modelling which incorporates water vapour feedback makes a reasonable job of simulating the effect of the Mt Pinatubo eruption on global temperatures.

As I said above - this is my attempt at a simple explanation. There are various complications - e.g. clouds, vertical transport, ... There is a lot of discussion in Chapter 8 of the latest IPCC Working Group 1 report (Sections 8.6.3.1 and 8.6.3.2), which you can download from www.ipcc.ch

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