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SCHEDULE

8:00 - 9:00 AM	BREAKFAST BUFFET
9:00 - 9:15 AM	**Jim Lakely** Director of Communications The Heartland Institute WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS
9:15 - 10:00 AM	**Chris de Freitas, Ph.D.** DEVELOPMENTS IN CLIMATE SCIENCE: POTENTIAL DRIVERS OF EMISSIONS POLICY BEYOND 2012
10:00 - 10:45 AM	**Robert Carter, Hon. FRSN**Z THE RECONSTRUCTION OF PAST SEA-LEVEL CHANGE: POLICY IMPLICATIONS
10:45 - 11:30 AM	**Sen. Cory Bernardi** THE POLITICAL STATE OF PLAY OF CLIMATE CHANGE POLICY IN AUSTRALIA
11:30 AM - Noon	BREAK
Noon - 1:00 PM	LUNCH BUFFET
1:00 - 1:15 PM	**Jim Lakely** RECONVENE AND INTRODUCTIONS
1:15 - 2:00 PM	**David Evans, Ph.D.** IS THE WESTERN CLIMATE ESTABLISHMENT CORRUPT?
2:00 - 2:45 PM	**Alan Moran, Ph.D.** LOWER CO_2 LEVELS: COSTS, BENEFITS AND POSSIBILITIES
2:45 - 3:30 PM	**Barun S. Mitra** CHALLENGING CLIMATE: HOW DOMESTIC POLITICS COOLS GLOBAL WARMING
3:30 - 4:00 PM	**Joanne Nova** DEFEATING THE WITCHDOCTORS OF THE 21ST CENTURY AND WHY GLOBAL WARMING IS ABOUT POWER, MONEY AND SEX
4:00 - 4:30 PM	**Robert Carter, Hon. FRSNZ** WRAP UP AND ADJOURN

CONFERENCE SPEAKERS

SEN. CORY BERNARDI

Cory Bernardi was sworn in as a senator for South Australia in May 2006. He has had more than 24 years' involvement in the Liberal Party in Australia. He was one of the leading advocates within the Liberal Party who stood against the Rudd Labor Government's Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme. Before entering politics Senator Bernardi was a business owner and equity investment fund manager. He is the author of three books and recently founded the Conservative Leadership Foundation – a not-for-profit educational, research and training organization dedicated to developing Australia's future leaders.

BOB CARTER, HON. FRSNZ

Bob Carter, Hon. FRSNZ is a marine geologist and environmental scientist with 40 years' professional experience. He has held academic positions at Otago University and the University of Adelaide and is currently a research professor at James Cook University (Queensland), where he was head of the School of Earth Sciences between 1981 and 1999. He is a former director of the Australian Office for the Ocean Drilling Program and has served on many national and international research committees, including the Australian Research Council. He is a former chairman of the Marine Science and Technologies Award Committee and the National Committee on Earth Sciences. He is an overseas honorary fellow of the Royal Society of New Zealand. Carter's current research on climate change, sea-level change, and stratigraphy is based on field studies of Cenozoic sediments from the Southwest Pacific region and includes the analysis of marine sediment cores collected during Ocean Drilling Program Leg 181 in the South Pacific Ocean east of New Zealand.

CHRIS DE FREITAS, PH.D

Chris de Freitas, Ph.D. is a climate scientist at the University of Auckland, New Zealand, where he has been head of science and technology at the Tamaki campus and four years as pro vice chancellor. He has been vice president of the Meteorological Society of New Zealand and is a founding member of the Australia New Zealand Climate Forum. For 10 years he was as an editor of the international journal Climate Research. He has three times been the recipient of the New Zealand Association of Scientists' Science Communicator Awards and a Merit Award in Science Communication.

DAVID EVANS, PH.D.

David Evans, Ph.D. worked for the Australian Greenhouse Office (now the Department of Climate Change) from 1999 to 2005, modeling Australia's carbon in plants, debris, mulch, soils, and forestry and agricultural products. Evans is a mathematician and engineer, with six university degrees including a Ph.D. from Stanford University in electrical engineering. His wife, Joanne Nova, runs a major skeptic blog: http://joannenova.com.au. The evidence supporting the idea that carbon dioxide emissions were the main cause of global warming reversed itself from 1998 to 2006, causing Evans to move from being a warmist to a skeptic.

JIM LAKELY

Jim Lakely is communications director for The Heartland Institute. Jim joined Heartland in 2008 as managing editor of InfoTech & Telecom News and subsequently took on duties as a research fellow and co-director of Heartland's Center on the Digital Economy. He has nearly 20 years experience in journalism, including stints covering The White House and Congress for The Washington Times, writing editorials and columns for newspapers in Virginia and California, and serving as business editor for a trade magazine based in Los Angeles.

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BARUN S. MITRA

Barun S. Mitra is founder and director of the Liberty Institute, a nonprofit, independent public policy research and educational organisation, dedicated to providing market-based responses to contemporary public policy issues that enhance freedom of choice for all. Mitra writes on public policy issues with a special interest in development and environment, trade and technology, property and intellectual property rights, and democracy and related issues. He was the recipient of the Julian Simon Award 2005 from the Competitive Enterprise Institute, Washington DC. An opinion article published in *The Sunday Times*, London, had been selected for Excellence in Environmental Journalism Award 2004 by the Pacific Research Institute, San Francisco. Mitra's contribution to the cause of economic and political liberty was recognised by the International Society for Individual Liberty with the Freedom Torch medal 2004.

ALAN MORAN, PH.D.

Alan Moran, Ph.D. is director of the Deregulation Unit at the Institute of Public Affairs. An economist, he was previously a senior Australian government official with responsibilities that included regulation review and energy policy. He is one of Australia's best known commentators on the energy industry and over the past 10 years has published more than 30 major papers and addresses covering specific aspects of the industry. In addition to editing a recent book, *Climate Change, the Facts*, he has authored four books, including three on environmental economics, and published dozens of articles and submissions on privatization, energy, and other economic policy matters.

JOANNE NOVA

Joanne Nova, author of *The Skeptics Handbook* and prize-winning graduate of molecular biology, has hosted a children's television series on science, done more than 200 radio interviews, performed for more than 50,000 students, and is a professional speaker delivering science-based keynote addresses at conferences. As an associate lecturer at the Australian National University, she helped to develop the Graduate Diploma in Science Communication. Nova published the book, *Serious Science Party Tricks* and once managed a circus – The Shell Questacon Science Circus – performing science across Australia. She attended the UNFCCC meetings in Bali in 2007.