

**CLIMATE CHANGE**

*Notice of Motion*

**HON JIM SCOTT** (South Metropolitan) [10.10 am]: I give notice that at the next sitting of the House I will move -

That -

- (1) The House notes the following reports -
  - (a) the Pentagon report on “An Abrupt Climate Change Scenario and Its Implications for United States National Security”;
  - (b) the German Advisory Council on Global Change report on “Climate Protection Strategies for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Kyoto and beyond”; and
  - (c) recent Commonwealth and Scientific Industrial Research Organisation and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration research

which show that -

- climate change over the next twenty years could result in a global catastrophe costing millions of lives in wars and natural disasters;
  - abrupt climate change could bring the planet to the edge of anarchy as countries develop a nuclear threat to defend and secure dwindling food, water and energy supplies;
  - the threat to global stability vastly eclipses that of terrorism;
  - a significant drop in the planet’s ability to sustain its present population, which will become apparent over the next twenty years;
  - deaths from war and famine will run into the millions until the planet’s population is reduced by such an extent the earth cannot cope;
  - the WBGU (German Advisory Council on Global Change) should agree that at the appropriate time, it will impose political and economic sanctions upon free-rider states;
  - in Australia, the severity of the 2002 drought has been clearly linked to climate change and has led to a forecasted 21 per cent decline in the gross farm production for 2002-03.
- (2) The Legislative Council therefore asks that the Gallop Government inform the federal Government that this State recognises the urgent need to reduce greenhouse emissions and to sign the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Kyoto Protocol on greenhouse emissions.

I seek leave to table the two reports to which I referred and which will be debated during private members’ time.

Leave granted. [See papers Nos 2106 and 2107.]