



Turning a Blind Eye to Climate Change: Integrating Psychological, Sociological and Cultural Perspectives

A WORKSHOP offering eight papers, each followed by discussion

**Saturday July 14 2012, North Fitzroy
9.30 am to 6pm**

PROGRAM

9.30 to 10 am Coffee and croissants

10.00am to 12.15pm

Welcome Carol Ride

- **Sue Pratt** - *Introduction to climate change denial* based on a PSC workshop held last year
- **Graeme Pearman** (Former Chief of Atmospheric Research at CSIRO)
Applying a whole-of-science approach to understanding and responding to the climate change issue
- **Susan Long** (Professor of Creative & Sustainable Organisation, RMIT)
Denial as a perverse dynamic

12.15pm to 1pm Lunch – provided

- **Lyn Bender** (Psychologist and journalist)
Why are we losing the battle as emission rise?
- **Andrea Bunting** (Sociologist of Environmental Technology, now studying Psychology)
Denial as a response to existential threat
- **Ben Nisenbaum** (Psychoanalytic therapist)
Denial through a psychoanalytic lens

3.30pm to 4.00pm Afternoon tea

- **Charles LeFeuvre** (Psychiatrist and Psychotherapist)
From turning a blind eye to omnipotence - The psychology of denial and the denial of psychology.
- **Julie James** (Retired Associate Professor involved in systems-oriented research)
Anthropocentrism: is it a root of climate change denial?

5.30pm to 6pm Wrap up **Sue Pratt**

6.30 Dinner at a nearby restaurant for those with remaining energy!

Places are limited to 20, so please ensure a place by booking as soon as possible at Contact@PsychologyforaSafeClimate.org ❖ Enquiries: Carol Ride 0408 320 080
Abstracts of papers to be presented: www.PsychologyforaSafeClimate.org/events