To: Select Committee

Subject: CLIMATE CHANGE AND FOOD SECURITY from a different perspective: THOUGHT PAPERS

Dear Legislative Council of Tasmanian Parliament

At this festive season time, we pause to reflect upon the highs and the lows of another year, that is passing into eternity. We also pause to ponder the unknown in the New Year before us.

Giving and receiving in the spirit of goodwill, I am provided with this appropriate opportunity for me to gift the enclosed. To the three recipients engaged in providing food for our and other nations, in differing capacities, I trust that each will find this gift - intelligence of a prophetic nature, to prove to be of inestimable value, in aiding you in decision-making, in the days of uncertainty ahead.

CLIMATE CHANGE AND FOOD SECURITY.

The enclosed confirms the inconvenient truth that all of us are confronting, as Earth’s inhabitants. The veracity of Climate Change is Biblical – in the sense that it is prophesied. This would be in contrast to the accepted sense of this description -- that it is the magnitude, of each disaster, occurring.

As stewards for the provision of our victuals, your concern for food security would include the assurance of your sources for raw materials, such as successful harvests, then safe arrivals at factories. Following conversion and value-adding, despatch without interruption to destinations.

Employing a military principle, in warfare, a good general has to have more than one route planned for his escape. For food providores, not all one’s eggs should be in one basket. All production should not be centralised in one huge factory, or even country. For some big corporations that have already decided to centre all production in one lower cost country, such as taking advantage of an exchange rate structured between two neighbouring nations, their decision may prove to be unwise. Interruptions to any of the above-mentioned factors of food production caused through the effects of natural disasters, may be increasingly expected.

MONOPOLIES.

Among the enclosed thought papers, reference to the formation of ‘gigantic monopolies’ will be found. These statements were penned in 1903 in the context of the USA at that time. Now found world-wide, there are only half-a-dozen key players in every industry, we could say.

Today, each recipient may be part of, or is, and has to deal with other huge corporations, as a fact of business life today.

LANGUAGE TERMINOLOGY.

Most of the enclosed was written in language in general use before or shortly after 1900. An example is given in the context of her times, in which the author amplified the Bible’s predictions/prophecies that would occur in the world of nature. We in our day call this Climate Change. The author, in referring to the calamities to happen upon the routes of travel, such as by sea and on land, the omission of travel by “air” should be noted. Elsewhere in her over 40+ books and numerous magazine articles authored, travel in the “cars” is frequently mentioned – being ‘railroad carriages’.

CONCLUSION.

To conclude, let us all encourage one another with the words of a grand old song of long ago:

“Look for the silver lining, when e’er a cloud appears in the blue...”
Whether evolutionist, atheist, pertaining to a faith, or none of these, Climate Change is affecting us all, in some way or another. If a doubter, why not keep a weather eye open, anyway, to see if these things come to pass?

Let us all seek for hope, and for that peace which passeth all understanding. To many, it is to be found and experienced in Him only, and who is considered our greatest Christmas gift.

With very kind regards, Jeff Leddin.

P.S. The writer was in the food industry in a small way in Orange, NSW, 1972-1997, establishing own apple juice factory, producing retail packs for NSW and Queensland markets, and from 1988, road tanker loads, also.

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