



# Science Teachers for Climate Awareness



A Workshop – Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March  
Kew High School

An initiative of:

**The Australian Institute of Physics (AIP) (Vic) Education Committee** and the  
**Royal Australian Chemical Institute (RACI) (Vic) Chemical Education Group.**

*"I'm frustrated, as are many of my colleagues, that 30 years after the US National Academy of Sciences issued a strong warning on CO<sub>2</sub> warming, the full urgency of this problem hasn't dawned on politicians and the general public."*

Stefan Rahmstorf, Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research, Germany, Copenhagen March 2009.

Science teachers have the knowledge base to understand climate change and the communication skills to explain it. We can be an important factor in increasing the community's understanding of this most crucial issue.

You are invited to participate in an initiative, the purpose of which is to raise the awareness of the voting public, starting with your teaching colleagues at your school, and then the parent body, and other community groups. The AIP Education Committee has developed a presentation package for you to use. All you need to have a willingness to be involved.

## When? Where?

Date: Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> March

Time: 9:30am until 2:30pm

Place: Kew High School, High St., Kew (Melway map 45, K3).

Getting There Car: Park in staff car park off High St, entry is adjacent to parkland.

Tram: Nos 24, 48 at stop 43.

Cost: Nil, Lunch provided.

The AIP Education Committee will provide a travel subsidy to country participants.

The opening speaker will be Professor Neville Nicholls from Monash University.

He was a lead author of chapter 9 ('Understanding and attributing climate change) of the IPCC Fourth Assessment, a lead author of the Summary for Policymakers and Technical Summary for the IPCC Working Group 1 assessment, and a member of the writing team for the IPCC Synthesis Report.

Professor Nicholls will present a briefing on the latest climate change science.

## How to be involved?

If you would like to part of this initiative, please contact the AIP at [danok@bigpond.com](mailto:danok@bigpond.com) giving your full contact details, and also a short statement on why you would like to be involved.

For more details go to [www.vicphysics.org/teachingclimate.html](http://www.vicphysics.org/teachingclimate.html)

*"The climate-research community would do well to use a diverse set of voices when communicating with policy-makers and the public."*

*Climate of suspicion* Editorial Nature Magazine, 21 January 2010

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