

Response to: Discussion Paper 03: Aviation and climate change

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The discussion paper has little meaningful debate on the critically dangerous build-up of atmospheric CO₂. It represents a perfect example of cognitive dissonance by continuing to give the impression that the climate change impacts can be either managed or mitigated. This is not the case.

We expect the commission to note the two following important developments and the impact they have for the future of mankind and the habitability of the planet.

- There is a significant risk that the Arctic will be ice free this summer, if not this summer then almost certainly next summer. This will almost certainly move us towards runaway climate change.
- Mauna Loa reports indicate atmospheric CO₂ is increasing super exponentially, see draft chapter 2 at <http://www.nucli.biz/#!chapter-2/c2378>. Given this, by 2002 we will have exceeded 450 ppm at which point our ecosystem and economy will collapse.

Given these developments it is reprehensible that the Airport Commission does not see it fit to be clear that aviation cannot be allowed to develop or continue at its present level.

It is imperative that a clear statement is made in light of these developments that this country and all others should prepare for a rapid reduction in aviation.