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3rd Degree, The	2007	Murray Hogarth	Frontline in Australia's Climate War' - We haven't yet figured out how powerful and dangerous the enemy ('The Greenhouse Mafia') is or how ill-prepared we are. Australian journalist.
A Blueprint for a Safer Planet	2009	Nicholas Stern	* How to Manage Climate Change and create a new era of progress and prosperity
A Climate for Growth	2010	Various at Griffith Uni	Urban Planning for the Future in SE Qld
Adapting Agriculture to Climate Change	2010	Stokes & Howden	Preparing Australian Agriculture, Forestry & Fishery for the Future
Affluenza		Clive Hamilton & Richard Dennis	When too much is never enough
An Inconvenient Truth	2006	Al Gore	The Planetary Emergency of Global Warming and What We Can Do About It' Book of the Documentary. The place to start the education process.
Assault on Reason, The	2007	Al Gore	How the Bush Administration used Fear, Uncertainty and Doubt (FUD) to sabotage the publics understanding of the growing global scientific view that Global Warming is real and the burning of fossil fuels is causing it.
Big Fix, The	2006	Ian Lowe	Radical Solutions for Australia's Environmental Crisis' - Time for Dramatic Transformations
Blackout: Coal, Climate and the Last Energy Crisis.	2009	Richard Heinberg	* Exposing the dirty secrets and hidden costs of coal. 'Peak Coal' is forecast to occur as early as 2025, contrary to what the industry and Martin Fergusson would have you believe. This is a must read for anyone who believes we must stop asap burning coal to generate electricity.
Bring on the Apocolypse		George Monbiot	Six arguments for Global Justice
Carbon Shift	2009	Ronald Wright	How the Twin Crisis of Oil Depletion and Climate Change Will Define the Future'.
Censoring Science	2008	Mark Bowen	Inside the political attack on NASA's Dr James Hansen by the Bush Administration & the Truth About Global Warming'
Censoring Science	2010	Mark Bowen	Inside the political attack on James Hansen, NASA
Climate Change Denial - Heads in the Sand	2011	John Cook & Haydn Washington	* Sabotage of effective action on climate change is blocked first by individual's level ignorance of the science and secondly by the well oiled machines of the Greenhouse Mafia. These powerful global corporations, whose profits depend on burning fossil fuels to generate electricity and fuel transport, continue to deliberately spread doubt about the global science consensus on the science. They emulate the tactics used by the tobacco industry to make smokers erroneously believe that smoking does not cause cancer. This time their target is those individuals who fear the changes we must make to reduce emissions that grow the CO2 blanket around the globe that increases global warming. "This book will solve both these problems." - Paul Ehrlich, Stanford Uni. See: www.skepticalscience.com

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Climate Code Red	2008	David Spratt & Philip Sutton	*	The Case for Emergency Action' - 300ppm and why, thorough and up to date. The Big Melt, Targets, Climate Emergency. Supports Hansen's diagnosis. This is the first climate change book to read. Its Australian authors have done an outstanding job of covering the key issues. It shows very clearly the consequences of not following the recommendations of the top climate scientists. It's interesting to see what the politicians described as non-negotiable a few years ago are only now becoming the accepted targets, widely understood by many voters.
Climate Cover-Up	2009	James Hogan		The Cusade to Deny Global Warming
Climate Wars	2008	Gwynne Dyer	*	The consequences of international competition for dwindling global resources. Choose your preferred scenario.
Collapse	2005	Jared Diamond	*	How Societies Choose to Fail or Succeed' - Explains historic civilization failures & why our political and economic institutions are so slow to respond to the converging threats of Climate Change and Peak Oil. Hints how to break the current political deadlocks that threaten our civilization
Common Wealth	2008	Jeffrey Sachs		Economics for a Crowded Planet' - What humanity must do to successfully address Climate Change, Peak Oil & Global Poverty by creating a new economic paradigm.
Deep Economy	2007	Bill McKibben		The Wealth of Communities & the Durable Future' - Anti Growth and Global Economy. Go local and community to survive
Doubt is Their Product	2008	David Michaels		How Industry's Assault on Science Threatens your Health - and that of the Planet. Expose of the Bush Administration's support of Industry tactics
Eaarth	2010	Bill McKibben		Making a life on a tough new planet
Earth in the Balance	2009	Al Gore		Ecology and the Human Spirit
Earth: The Sequel	2008	Fred Krupp & Miriam Horn		'The Race to Reinvent Energy and Stop Global Warming' - Mostly Solar, etc. Stop Burning Coal
End of Food, The	2008	Paul Roberts	*	Why the existing global food production system is creaking. Can't reliably continue to provide enough safe food in a Peak Oil/Climate Change environment.
End of Nature, The	1989 Updated	Bill McKibben		An Impassioned Pleas for Radical & Life Renewing Change
Freedom from Oil	2008	David Sandalow		How Obama can end the US Oil addiction' - Sandalow paints a political scenario & recommendations for Obama that explains the size of the challenge, suggested solutions & a powerful message of hope.
Future Scenarios	2009	David Holmgren		How Communities can adapt to Peak Oil & Climate Change. 4 Scenarios for Energy Descent.

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Global Deal, The	2009	Nicholas Stern	*	How to Manage Climate Change and create a New Era of Progress and Prosperity'. And also how to structure a global deal. Mix of economics and international politics. Author of 'The Stern Review on the Economics of Climate Change' for the UK Govt. Former Chief Economist at the World Bank. Since publishing, Stern has supported James Hansen's group of climate scientists who are calling for a target for atmospheric CO2 of below 350 ppm to avoid critical average temperature rise beyond 2°C.
Great Disruption, The	2011	Paul Gilding	*	Gilding offers a clear-eyed and moving assessment of our simultaneous, multi-crises predicament. But more importantly he offers a plausible way forward and good reasons to think we will rise to the occasion. His message is that our situation is dire, but we will act because we must." - David Orr. " We may be slow , but we're not stupid."
Green Bubble, The	2006	Robert Bell		Roadmap for the 'New Energy Revolution' - How to invest in the next green energy investment bubble and not lose your shirt.
Happy Economist, The	2010	Ross Gittins		Happiness' - How to include it in economic thinking and measurement
Heat	2007	George Monbiot		How to Stop the Planet from Burning' Well researched, technical analysis showing how the UK could cut its Greenhouse emissions and retain the comforts of modern life (except flight).
High & Dry		Guy Pearse	*	John Howard, Climate Change, 'The Greenhouse Mafia' and how the Fossil Fuel industry controls the Austrian govt policy on reducing emissions and climate change - regardless of which main political party is in power. Fascism vs Democracy.
Hot Topic	2008	Gabrielle Walker & Sir David King		How to tackle Global Warming & Still Keep the Lights on' - A good UK written Climate Change Primer. Covers: Science, Adaption, Technology Solutions, Political Solutions, Personal & Local Solutions.
Hot, Flat & Crowded	2008	Thomas Friedman		Why we need a Green Revolution and how it can Renew America. Builds on his 'The World is Flat'
Life and Death of Democracy, The	2010	John Keane		A history of Democracies and why everywhere they are sleepwalking their way into deep trouble
Limits to Growth - the 30 year update	2003	Club of Rome	*	1st Edn in 1972. Industry & economists rejected the concept then and are now being confronted with the reality as it happens.
Merchants of Doubt	2010	Naomi Oreskes	*	How a handful of scientists obscured the truth on issues from tobacco smoke to global warming
Natural Capitalism	1999	Paul Hawken, Amory Lovins & Hunter Lovins		Creating the Next Industrial Revolution' - "Waste to Waste" In a Resource Constrained World, this is a recipe for minimizing waste by maximising production creativity to make fundamental changes to the sustainability objectives of our capitalist system. From the founders of the Rocky Mountain Institute

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Our Choice	2009	Al Gore	A plan to solve the Climate Crisis
Peak Everything	2007	Richard Heinberg	* Waking Up to the Century of Declines' - Technology, Agriculture & the Arts. Nature's Limits, the Human Condition. Bridging Peak Oil & Climate Change.
Permaculture	2002	David Holmgren	Principles & Pathways Beyond Sustainability
Plan B 2.0	2006	Lester Brown	Rescuing a Planet Under Stress and a Civilization in Trouble' - Global Economy Growing Faster than the Capacity of the Earth to Support it. 'Plan B 2.0' replaces fossil fuels & rebuilds a sustainable global economy.
Plan C	2010	Pat Murphy	Community Survival Strategies Peak Oil & Climate Change
Politics of Climate Change, The	2009	Anthony Giddens	A bit academic and 'UK stuffy'. But interesting from the economics point of view. Perhaps what you'd expect from a former Director of the London School of Economics, Fellow of King's College, Cambridge and a peer.
PowerDown	2004	Richard Heinberg	Options and Actions for a Post Carbon World' - Where will You be when the Oil Runs Out
Prescription for the Planet	2008	Tom Blees	* The Painless Remedy for our Energy & Environmental Crises' - Reviews 4th generation nuclear IFR technology and recommends this as the basis for safe, clean, renewable energy. Hansen recommends taking a good look.
Prosperity without Growth	2009	Tim Jackson	* Based on the premise that infinite growth on a finite planet is not sustainable, this book and the UK Govt team behind it courageously explore alternative economic models in a climate changing and resource constrained world. Also explores the growing consensus among the social scientists that more 'stuff' doesn't increase individual happiness. This book is challenging conventional economics everywhere as it must if we are to find an alternative to the 'growth' mantra, whose consequences are killing us. 'One of the best books of the year' - The Financial Times.
Quarry Vision' Coal, Climate Change and the End of the Resources Boom	2009	Guy Pearse	QE #33 2009 Challenging the belief that Australia's greatest asset is its coal and mineral resources. He discusses the future of the coal industry and challenges the economic orthodoxy. 'Quarry Vision', he argues is a trap we must avoid.
Reaction Time	2007	Ian Lowe	QE #7 2007: Climate Change and the Nuclear Option - Ian is not a nuke supporter.

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Requiem for a Species	2010	Clive Hamilton	*	Why we resist the truth about climate change. A great book, that's in the top ten to read. This includes a chapter reporting the results of the best documented conference on Climate Change I've yet found. Held at UK's Oxford Uni in Sep 2009, this was a conference for the world's top climate scientists. It's called the '4 Degrees & Beyond' conference. Videos, slides and audio of the 32 presentations are available from : http://www.eci.ox.ac.uk/4degrees/programme.php . The international scientists, from many different fields were asked to present their views about the consequences of world temperatures exceeding the 2°C average global increase that is the agreed UN target not to exceed. The consequences of exceeding this are very sobering and probably accounts for Clive Hamilton's somewhat pessimistic view of where we are headed in the light of political failure to agree on how to act to reduce emissions globally.
Revenge of Gaia, The	2006	James Lovelock	*	'Why Earth is Fighting Back & How We Can Still Save Humanity' -Explanation of the Gaia concept
Rising Powers, Shrinking Planet	2008	Michael T Klare		'The new Geo-Politics of Energy' - The power politics around access to oil, other mineral resources and the looming probability of resulting wars.
Sacred Balance	1997	David Suzuki		Planet needs to get back in balance.
Science as a Contact Sport	2010	Stephen Schneider	*	Inside the Battle to save Earth's Climate
Scorcher	2007	Clive Hamilton	*	'The Dirty Politics of Climate Change in Australia'. An in-depth history of how the major industrial polluters colluded with the Howard Govt to stop effective action on Climate Change for over a decade. Companion book with 'High & Dry' by Guy Pearse. The Greenhouse Mafia continues to control the Labor Govt policy on Climate Change.
Silencing Dissent	2007	Clive Hamilton & Sarah Maddison		How the Australian Govt controls Public Opinion and Stifles Debate.
Silent Spring	1962	Rachel Carson		First to Publicise The Destruction of Wildlife through the widespread use of Pesticides. Inspired the start of the Environmental Movement.
Simple Prosperity	2009	David Wann		Finding Real Wealth in a Sustainable Lifestyle. Co-author of 'Affluenza'. The 'we can live with less' story. Useful community stuff
Six Degrees	2008	Mark Lynas		'Our Future on a Hotter Planet' - Resulting effects as temperature rises by each degree. Settles for 350 ppm, published prior to Hansen's 300ppm. Useful ppm table
Solar Revolution	2006	Travis Bradford	*	'The Economic Transformation of the Global Energy Industry' - Solar is the Solution. Useful pre-CPV primer
Storms of my Grandchildren	2010	James Hansen	*	The truth about the coming climate catastrophe and our last chance to save humanity
Terrestrial Energy	2008	William Tucker		How Nuclear Power Will Lead the Green Revolution and End America's Energy Odyssey'

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Transition Handbook (Oz & NZ Edition), The	2009	Rob Hopkins		Probably the UK's most respected elder statesman of the UK's environmental movement, Lovelock as a climate scientist gives us his final warning about what must be done.
Transport Revolution	2010	Gilbert & Perl		Creating local sustainable communities beyond oil dependency. Introduces the 'Transition Towns' concept.
Upside of Down, The	2006	Thomas Homer Dixon		Moving People and Freight without Oil
Value of Nothing, The	2010	Raj Patel		The End of the World as we Know it & why that maybe OK. Energy, How the Roman Empire collapsed, but we don't need to.
Vice	2006	Lou Dubose & Jake Bernstein		The Price we Pay for Market Fundamentalism
Weather Makers, The	2005	Tim Flannery		Dick Cheney & the Hijacking of the American Presidency' - "Dick Cheney exercises all the power of the Presidency. That has never happened before. Ever." Former US Assistant Attorney General - Bruce Fein
Why Your World is about to get a Whole Lot Smaller	2009	Jeff Rubin	*	The History & Future Impact of Climate Change' - From 2008 Australian of the Year. - We are now the Weather Makers & the new climate we are creating threatens the future of our civilization. How, why, when and where.
Zoom	2007	Iain Carson & Vijay Vaitheeswaran		Oil and the end of Globalization
				The Global Race to Refuel the Car of the Future (Electricity is the Answer)