

PACIFIC CORAL ATOLL ISLAND STATES A CLIMATE CHANGE CATASTROPHE IN THE MAKING

There are 12,000 indigenous people on the Independent Island State of Tuvalu in the south Pacific Ocean, and their country - with it's highest point at only 4 metres above sea level; is literally sinking below the sea.

Think about that for just a moment from a Tuvaluan perspective...the land sacred to you, your people, and all your ancestors - since the dawn of time; will slip beneath the waves and be lost forever...and all you can do is watch while this unfathomable apoclypse unfolds before your very eyes.

The indigenous peoples of the Pacific Coral Island Atolls are on the merciless front end of this excellerated Climate change due to Global warming - which is caused by the non-Indigenous Industrialized Nations of this Earth - who's oft celebrated 'Captains of Industry'; never had a damn clue as to what the words 'to live in harmony with nature' means.

In Geographical terms, the nearest Nation-States who could easily afford to offer these desperate Pacific Islanders a new homeland - within their own vast national territories; are New Zealand (home to the fellow Polynesian Maori People) and Australia. Unfortunately these two cohorts are two of the ONLY four states in the entire world to have voted AGAINST the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (Colombia was the only abstention), held on September 13th 2007 at the UN General Assembly in New York; USA. It should be noted that the other two countries who voted against the noble declaration were the USA and Canada. The previous (John Howard) government of Australia had completely ignored the plight of the their Pacific Atoll Island neighbours - even refusing to grant audiences to their heads of state; but there are reasons to be cautiously optimistic that the new Australian government will finally do what is just and right for their Tuvaluan & and other less affluent Pacific island neighbours that are equally in peril. I say 'cautiously optimistic' because although the new Australian government HAS at long last issued an official apology to the Aboriginal Peoples of Australia, it has NOT yet made any move to ratify the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples that it's predecessor was fanatically opposed to; and this might be construed as being proof of the old axiom "actions speak louder than words".

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