Talk on NZ’s Climate Change Target; Public meeting, Dunedin. May 18, 2015:
Emeritus Professor James Flynn.

I made four points:

(1) To raise public awareness the government should hold a referendum proposing an environmental surtax - say at 1% extra on the tax you owe - this would do an enormous amount to get the public talking.

(2) It should subsidise the use of biochar to make it competitive with phosphate fertilisers - and investigate osmotic power to replace coal.

(3) It should issue a public statement of urgency - detailing decade by decade the consequences for NZ (and the world) of the present drift - thus putting itself on record as rejecting climate denial - it should hold a series of public meetings to get this statement debated.

(4) I should detail a strategy of how nations in general can take the lead - and action its own contribution. This would include: financial contribution to at least one project to developing hydrogen fusion; the same to get Salter’s ships on the water (to send up sea spray and retard global warming); the same to encourage Amazonian nations to forgo development of the rain forest in favour of compensation.