

Where can your medical degree
take you?
Doctors for the Environment
Australia and other stories

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Chernobyl



WHO World Health Day 2008



The need to protect the health of the people of the world from the adverse effects on the world's environment through climate change.



WHO Director-General

“Climate change is one of the greatest challenges of our time. Climate change will affect, in profoundly adverse ways, some of the most fundamental determinants of health: food, air, water. In the face of this challenge we need champions throughout the world who will work to put protecting human health at the centre of the climate change agenda”

Dr Margaret Chan

+DEA Doctors for the Environment Australia

- Organisation of medical practitioners
- Advocacy and education about the need to conserve and restore our natural environment
- Strong focus on the human health aspects of climate change
- Student membership welcome
- www.dea.org.au

Green Clinic Initiative

- DEA and the Australian Conservation Foundation
- 10 Top Tips for a Green Clinic

Green Clinic Initiative

- 1. Install low energy lighting
- 2. Buy green power for your clinic
- 3. Turn off computers and appliances to save energy
- 4. Energy-efficient refrigerators
- 5. Aim for a paper-free office

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- 6. Reduce car journeys
- 7. Reduce junk mail
- 8. Recycle paper and plastics
- 9. Buy recycled paper, stationary and toilet tissue
- 10. Save water in the bathroom, kitchen and consulting room

World Health Organization Top Ten Actions for Health Professionals

- www.who.int/phe
- Use our knowledge and authority to make the case for action by strengthening public awareness of the current and projected adverse and inequitable health impacts of climate change

Doctors who wish to make a difference

- Join with ...
- Peter Doherty
- Sir Gustav Nossal
- Fiona Stanley
- Frank Fenner
- Tony McMichael
- Bob Douglas
- And many others

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Spiderman



**“Change will not come if we wait for some
other person or some other time. We
are the ones we've been waiting for. We
are the change that we seek.”**