



Leon Marais Louw

Credentials

- Bachelor of Law. [\[1\]](#)

Background

Leon Louw is the executive director and co-founder of the [Free Market Foundation](#). He is also a member of the advisory board to the [Committee for a Constructive Tomorrow](#) and listed as a “global warming expert” by the [Heartland Institute](#).

Louw is also the executive director of the Free Market Foundation's “Law Review Project” ([PDF](#)) which describes itself as a “an independent legal research organisation founded to promote the removal of unnecessary, burdensome and unduly-restrictive laws with the aim of promoting economic development.” [\[2\]](#), [\[3\]](#)

Stance on Climate Change

“Climate change is probable. It may even be inevitable... . the best thing to do about it is to grow, to be prosperous, to be rich. Then you have all the wealth by which to deal with it.” [\[4\]](#)

Key Quotes

“Climate change hype has grave real world consequences. It gets rich countries to adopt silly policies and to impose devastating eco-imperialism on poor countries. The world's rich millions can afford environmental extremism; its poor billions can't. Climate change pseudo-science about human causality has been exposed repeatedly. What's less appreciated is that there aren't more natural disasters in need of an explanation.” [\[5\]](#)

Referring to new anti-smoking bylaws: "It's a kind of hysteria, a peculiar semi-religious fundamentalist puritanism' said Leon Louw, director of the Free Market Foundation, which is pushing for an open society free of arbitrary regulations.

Louw believes the regulations are a 'vicious assault' on peoples' choices and lifestyles, saying passing the regulations could constitute a breach of freedom and result in job losses.

'The anti-tobacco fanatics ... the nicotine nazis will not stop until there is full prohibition,' he said." [\[6\]](#)