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(CALGARY) Investigative journalist and author Donna Laframboise revealed key elements of her expose on the UN's Climate Change Panel – the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) to a diverse audience of 240 Canadian business and resource industry executives at Calgary's Metropolitan Center on October 17, 2012.

Laframboise was the guest speaker at the 9th Annual Friends of Science luncheon, cosponsored by the Frontier Centre for Public Policy. She had just returned from a nation-wide tour of Australia, presenting her work to sold-out houses. Laframboise arrived in Australia just days after a carbon tax had been implemented – a contentious issue that has split that country.

The audience sat with rapt attention as Laframboise walked them through some of her findings. She demonstrated that although the IPCC purports to be a scientific organization, relying only on top, peer-reviewed scientific information, in reality it is a highly politicized organization, rife with green activists who are not beyond skewing the science to suit their agendas.

In fact, much of the referenced content of key IPCC reports was sourced from non-peer reviewed literature including press releases of 'green' groups; sometimes authors were citing their own work that had not yet gone through scientific peer-review or papers that had been rejected by the scientific community for not meeting basic scientific standards.

Laframboise surprised onlookers by presenting on-line documents from the Alberta government, and a letter from the Redford government's Minister of Environment, Diana McQueen. These documents cite the IPCC as the Alberta government's ultimate, authoritative scientific source on climate change findings which direct Alberta government policy decisions. Laframboise then went on to use the IPCC's own documents and research from her book to illustrate that those findings are untrustworthy.

"Our past luncheons have featured climatologists who discussed the science of climate change," said Len Maier, President of the Friends of Science. "This year, our guest

speaker, investigative journalist Donna Laframboise, will focus on the behaviour and trustworthiness of the IPCC. This issue is every bit as important as the science debate itself."

Laframboise showed the audience that many of the IPCC documents had been written by very young people in their twenties, some of whom had no scientific degrees whatsoever – most of whom had strong associations with eco-activist groups. Further, she revealed that many of the contributing scientists themselves had been co-opted into joining a parallel World Wildlife Fund scientific panel, clearly creating a serious conflict of interest.

Further, it appears that many of the scientists associated with the IPCC have departed from their professional position of objective scientific reviewer, to making wild policy statements such as that of IPCC scientist Thomas Stocker's recommendation of June 2011 to "Quadruple gas prices to save the planet" (Vancouver Sun).

Based on the evidence presented by Laframboise, it is far more likely that the planet needs to be saved from the IPCC.

"The IPCC's reports have proven extremely useful for governments seeking justification for greater central planning and more regulatory and taxation powers," said Peter Holle, President of the Frontier Centre for Public Policy. "Politicians and bureaucrats often cite the IPCC as a rationale for handing out subsidies and privileges to favoured groups and corporations at huge taxpayer expense."

Certainly any public policy decisions related to climate change, green house gases and carbon reduction schemes, if based on IPCC information, appear to be based on untrustworthy information from an organization that has breached most of its stated policies and precepts and corrupted recognized peer-review and scientific standards.

Laframboise's work is the first and only thorough examination of the IPCC, an organization that will soon celebrate its 25th anniversary.

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