



We Mercies

Care for Creation

As you take the next step, remember the traditional custodians of the land

**Climate Change
has been named
the major issue of
the 21st century.**

Do you agree?

A CRITICAL DECADE

Tim Flannery, Chair of the Climate Council, has called this the critical decade in which we can reverse the disastrous effects of climate change.

More than 156 extreme weather records have been broken across Australia this summer.

The previous summer broke 123 extreme weather records.

Unless coal and eventually oil and gas are replaced by solar, wind, geo-thermal and other renewable forms of energy, earth will be an unlivable planet.

President Barak Obama has announced new U.S. regulations on emissions from coal-fired power plants. The U.S. Catholic bishops welcomed these regulations.

China has the most renewable energy in the world and has reduced its greenhouse gas emissions.

Australia, under the present government, is going backwards in the fight against global warming. The current budget represents several huge steps backward for environmental action.

Yet more than 80% Australians accept that climate change is happening.

What can I do?

Tell our politicians to block some of the worst measures of the budget.

Ask them to retain existing carbon legislation when the Carbon Tax Repeal Bill goes before the Senate.

Encourage them to honour their ethical responsibility to understand the state of climate change science and enact adequate policies to prevent dangerous climate change.

Creation is a gift, it is a wonderful gift that God has given us, so that we care for it and we use it for the benefit of all, always with great respect and gratitude.

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Pope Francis, 21 May 2014.

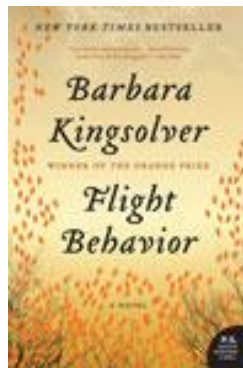
Safeguard Creation. Because if we destroy Creation, Creation will destroy us!



(Pope Francis)

BOOK REVIEW

Flight Behavior by Barbaran Kingsolver



This is a novel that also addresses the topic of climate change. It deftly and with empathy dissects the motives that draw denial and belief in a precarious world.

Dellarobia Turnbow is a restless farm wife who seeks momentary escape through an affair with a younger man. As she hikes up a mountain road to a secret tryst, she encounters a shocking sight – a silent, forested valley filled with what looks like a lake of fire.

She understands it as a cautionary miracle, but it sparks a raft of other explanations from scientists, religious leaders, and the media. As the community lines up to judge the woman and her miracle, Dellarobia confronts her family, church, town and a larger world in a flight toward truth.

Available from public libraries.