

Climate change has blinded focus to chemical tsunami

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Our current preoccupation with climate change and the Covid pandemic, leaves our human world largely disengaged from a group of other threats to our future, that have been the subject of a series of important books by Canberra science writer, Julian Cribb.

Cribb's most recent book, "Earth Detox; How and Why We Must Clean up the Planet," that has been recently published by Cambridge University Press, demands to be widely read and carefully considered by policy makers everywhere.

Professor Ian Lowe of Griffith University says it better than I can. He writes "Future generations will see this book as the 21st century equivalent of Rachel Carson's 1960s classic, "Silent Spring". It documents in frightening detail how manufactured chemicals are poisoning us and the earth's natural systems. Every day about a kilogram of chemicals are produced for you and for every other human. About 25,000 people will die today from the effects of these chemicals. Read it and be empowered to help turn back the chemical tsunami which is drowning us all".

And Paul Ehrlich, who is head of the Millennium Alliance for Humanity and the Biosphere at Stanford University writes "Earth Detox" by Julian Cribb shows that humanity's chemical emissions are a threat to civilization on the scale of climate disruption - slaying more people every year now than any war in human history. On a bedrock of hard scientific evidence, he shows the way for urgent universal action to stem this colossal menace to our future. Another "must read" by an outstanding science communicator."

Other Australian expert writers in this field, notably Professors Ravi Naidu in Newcastle and Professor Alf Poulos in Adelaide have confirmed Cribb's analysis of the seriousness of the chemical toxicity problem that is being quite inadequately addressed by societies everywhere. Perhaps the scariest point in the book is Cribb's summary of the evidence that human intelligence is declining, almost certainly a consequence of the widespread chemical impact on human brains.

As we emerge from the effects of the pandemic and confront the seriousness of climate change, it is also essential that we recognise the need, actively to confront the other threats that Cribb has documented in his book "Surviving the 21st Century." "Earth Detox" makes it clear that every human on earth is being profoundly and systematically poisoned and that our governments are largely ignoring the problem. At the very least, governments; everywhere should establish enquiries into the seriousness and reversibility of the damage that the chemical tsunami is inflicting on every one of us and on our descendants.

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