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DR TIM FLANNERY

2007 Australian of the Year

Dr Tim Flannery was awarded the 2007 Australian of the Year Award for his outstanding contribution to research on climate change and the environment. Tim Flannery has made contributions of international significance to the fields of palaeontology, mammalogy and conservation and to the understanding of science in the broader community. His work, which includes a number of major discoveries, has received international acclaim from both peers and professionals.

Tim Flannery is on a mission. He believes that human activity is drastically altering the earth's climate, and that before too long these changes will have a devastating effect on life on this planet. He wants to mobilize the social and political will to address this problem before it's too late.

That's why Tim Flannery wrote *The Weather Makers: How Man Is Changing the Climate and What It Means for Life on Earth*. In this important and provocative book, which debuted on The New York Times bestseller list, Flannery tells the fascinating story of climate change over millions of years to help us understand the predicament we face today. In authoritative yet accessible language, Flannery carefully lays out the science, demonstrating the substantial, human-induced climate change and the likely ecological effects to the planet if this process continues. He then proposes a game plan to halt, and ultimately reverse, this damaging trend. *The Weather Makers* has sold over a million copies worldwide, and is proving to be one of the most pivotal and influential texts in our understanding of global warming.

Tim Flannery is the former director of the South Australian Museum, and is currently a professor at Sydney's Macquarie University. He spent a year as professor of Australian studies at Harvard, where he taught in the Department of Organismic and Evolutionary Biology. In 2002, he became the first environmentalist to deliver The Australia Day address to the nation. In 2005 he was honored as Australian Humanist of the Year and, in 2007, he was named Australian of the Year.

A regular contributor to *The New York Review of Books* and *The Times Literary Supplement*, Flannery also contributes to ABC Radio, NPR and the BBC. He has also written and hosted several Documentary Channel specials, including *The Future*, and *Islands in the Sky*.

WHAT DOES TIM FLANNERY TALK ABOUT?

The Weather Makers: How Man is Changing The Climate and What it Means for Life on Earth

Drawing on the ideas from his groundbreaking new book, Tim Flannery presents a straightforward and powerful exploration of the connection between climate change, global warming, and human activity. He has a gift for making complex science understandable for a lay audience, through a deft use of imagery, analogy and common sense. But Flannery does not just tell his audience what is happening to our planet. He very clearly lays out a game plan for halting current warming trends and beginning the long, but entirely achievable project of reversing the damage we have done. His goal is to mobilize his listeners—both personally and politically—to recognize that we are all "weather makers" and that the only choice, both logically and ethically, is to begin to address this problem before it's too late.

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