



# Climate Change, *Chiropractic* and a Sustainable Future

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The relationship between human activity and the environment is under serious threat. At the time of writing this article world leaders are meeting in Copenhagen to negotiate an agreement between nations that will secure a future for carbon emissions and possibly the future of the planet. Whatever the outcome of these talks this issue will gain further public and political momentum as the science and effects of climate change expands.



As health care practitioners with a focus on natural health and holistic principles, chiropractic is well positioned to take a leadership role in this area.

## Climate change

While a number of people deny the existence of climate change and the anthropogenic (man made) contribution, some facts can be confirmed:

1. The number of people living on earth has grown from around 3 billion in 1950 to 6.3 billion today. Estimates are that there may be up to 9 billion people by 2050. A rapidly growing world population uses more natural resources.