

Environment Matters – 13th April 2007

Welcome to Aardvark's fortnightly environmental news briefing,

- **Solar costs to catch up with coal by 2010** Solar electricity could reach the cost of electricity from coal in just under three years, but consumers may not see the difference for years to come, according to a new study. ([EDIE 05/04/07](#))
- **Call for health warnings on flights** Advertisements for flights, or holidays that include flying, should carry a tobacco-style health warning to remind people of the global warming crisis. ([Guardian Unlimited 05/04/07](#))
- **Africa: Renewable Sources the Key to Energy Crisis?** Biofuel and other renewable energy sources may hold the key to Africa's energy crisis. 'The continent is rich in renewable resources which can benefit the majority of people within a few years' ([IEMA 10/04/07](#))
- **Global warming will make Earth spin faster** Felix Landerer of the Max Planck Institute for Meteorology in Hamburg, Germany has said that a possible consequence of climate change is the heating up of oceans which will cause the Earth to spin faster. ([New Scientist 10/04/07](#))
- **Planting may worsen warming** It may have become the penance of choice for the environmentally conscious individual, but planting trees to offset carbon emissions could contribute to global warming if they are planted outside the tropics, scientists believe. ([Guardian Unlimited 10/04/07](#))
- **Waste used to build biggest green road** An estimated 800,000 tonnes of waste material is being used to create a new dual carriageway, new junctions and side roads, making the A30 Bodmin to Indian Queens dual carriageway the largest "green" road project in the country. ([EDIE 10/04/07](#))
- **Australia, NZ Could Be Flooded** Warming temperatures will cause more drought and higher seas in Australia and New Zealand by 2030. The South Pacific Islands will be swamped by sea level rises as well as by more frequent cyclones. ([Time 10/04/07](#))
- **Environment Agency issues waste warning** Companies that illegally export recyclable waste were warned by the Environment Agency that they risk prosecution. The warning comes after Grosvenor Waste Management Ltd (GWM), were fined in total £55,000. ([EA 05/04/07](#))

Latest News from the Aardvark Team

- Easter marked the end of Lent and also the end of the Aardvark teams attempt to not generate any plastic waste for 40 days. This has not been an easy task and the outcome will be published in an Environment Matters 'Plastics' special on 27th April.
- For the latest Aardvark news logon to www.aardvarkem.co.uk

And finally

- **Eco lipstick** Now bio-degradable packaging is about to get sexier: you will soon be able to plant your lipstick. A cosmetic company has produced the world's first botanical lipstick made entirely from compostable products and once you have used it all, you can plant it and watch it grow. ([Observer 08/04/07](#))