

Comment, Draft Scoping Plan, CLCPA

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Topic: Increasing statewide cooperation for climate action by debunking myths about the CLCPA, climate legislation and climate change.

Over the past 6 months it has become clear that opponents to climate action are doubling down on their activities, spending money on misleading advertisements, and working overtime to defeat climate legislation, the CLCPA and sowing distrust.

Fortunately, there is a way to debunk the misrepresentations and defuse the fear and anger that are feeding this opposition and there is an expert to help. The expert is Prof. John Cook and he has a PhD in the cognitive psychology of misinformation. Dr. Cook is also a cartoonist and he has combined his skills to create the "Cranky Uncle vs Climate" debunking cartoon/game/book. He also has a website, Skeptical Science, that is dedicated to debunking and combatting climate denial. Here are links to the Cranky Uncle website, and his Skeptical Science website.

<https://crankyuncle.com/book/>

<https://skepticalscience.com/about.shtml>

Prof. Cook has developed techniques that NY State can, and should, use to fight the disinformation and fear campaign that those who oppose climate action are waging.

Thank for your consideration of these comments.

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