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It is really exciting to be in Copenhagen now and see all the preparations for one of the most important meetings ever for earth. The whole city is geared up for the event, planners, organizers etc, but also and importantly us the normal people. One can see activity in all corners of the city.

The images show the installations for events, exhibitions that are already opened and slogans on every corner. Grassroot activity is also very prevalent, but the people of Copenhagen have a long tradition of democratic street activity that I have always admired.

But what is the meeting going to do. In the Guardian yesterday, one of the main scientists on global warming, [James Hansen maintains his hopes that the meeting should fail](#). He says that this result would be better for the planet. Why? Because he maintains that what is in the pipeline is just a weak proposal that will not do the cause much good. He says that now, the situation is such that half measures are not enough, and to agree to a trading system for CO2 between nations will be a disaster. I like his comparison to the historical time when slavery was abolished (albeit in the form that was then known, we know of today's slavery in sweat-shops and the porn industry for example). He says that people did not at that time discuss reducing slavery to 60% of the trend. He says: "This is analogous to the indulgences that the Catholic Church sold in the Middle Ages. The bishops collected lots of money and the sinners got redemption. Both parties liked that arrangement despite its absurdity. That is exactly what is

happening” This is true, only a complete turnaround is possible for us. And to those in doubt, I must say that if there is any doubt we should change our ways and wait to be proofed wrong rather than continuing as we do today.

Only two weeks ago I attended the Cumus Conference in Melbourne and was advised by the organizers to use a specific hotel, that had gained approval because of its CO2 policy. To me this was a complete hipocrisy because I paid the bill for the hotel paying for carbon offset, while the hotel was badly designed, using dangerous materials and very energy intensive like anodysed aluminium for curtains and the packaging of every tiny bit of butter and jam during the breckfast created a pile of aluminium and plactic rubbish dump on my breckfast table.

There it was obvious, although the management thought the initiative a cool move, the designers and architects had no knowledge of material use, embedded energy or environmental impact. They had received the proper education to be able to handle the role they were expected to.

These images show some of the spirit in the streets of Copenhagen today. Lets hopw that something good will come out of this event, probably the most important thing being to lift the case to a new and higher level than before.

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09.01.10 - 12:23 - **Emily Ballantyne-Brodie**:

Thanks Dori. Great to read your blog. The photos are amazing too.

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