**ABSTRACT**

Whether or not climate change is anthropomorphic or not, the quantity of CO$_2$, other noxious gases and particulate is a reality. The other reality is that the world’s populations have exceeded the levels at which feeding them is possible. ‘Malthus’s Dilemma’ is as real as are the health consequences of burning fossil fuels. Public health workers must now adopt a quite different role if the Anthropocene Period is not to terminate.

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