

How Cuba survived Peak Oil

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I found this article fascinating, and wonder what lessons it holds for Australia and the US - will we work to overcome the challenge of climate change and peak oil, will we be too late and successfully adapt to the changes they bring, or will we descend ungracefully. ----- By Megan Quinn From Permaculture Activist In Brief: "Try to image an airplane suddenly losing its engines. It was really a crash"... A crash that put Cuba into a state of shock. There were frequent blackouts in its oil-fed electric power grid, up to 16 hours per day. The average daily caloric intake in Cuba dropped by a third... So Cubans started to grow local organic produce out of necessity, developed bio-pesticides and bio-fertilizers as petrochemical substitutes, and incorporated more fruits and vegetables into their diets. Since they couldn't fuel their aging cars, they walked, biked, rode buses, and carpooled.