



Title: “Long Beach Sky”

Short Description: Cirrus cloud, storm departing, late afternoon.

Photographer: Tim Heath

Where and when: Long Beach, Dunedin, March, 2020

Sustainability: We all are fascinated by clouds. They set the mood of the day, provide a mantle of light, pattern and movement. They are also essential for our ecosystems’ survival.

Clouds are most often thought of as a blanket, layers of moisture that lock in heat and filter sunlight. There is also a hypothesis which holds that increases in particles and pollutants in the atmosphere are reducing the amount of direct sunshine penetrating the atmosphere to heat the earth’s surface. This in turn disrupts the planets’ “Water Cycle”. Complex feedback connections like this make it hard to predict the exact long-term rate of global warming and climate change. And yet we are all too aware of the horrendous fires, floods, and famines.

In the face of these unpalatable realities there is another that we have learned from COVID. And that is psychological wellbeing. For me some clouds are wonderfully mysterious and transport my spirit to other worlds. This photograph is evidence of such an escape.

Photographer's notes: iPhone 6+

Exposure: 1/1000s, f/2.2, 4.15 mm, ISO 32

Digital specs: 2,046 x 2,046 (4.2 MP)

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