

TO THE HONORABLE THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF  
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

This petition of citizens of Western Australia, in particular the Tangney Electorate, draws to the attention of the house:

To maintain a liveable planet the United Nations is stating we need to keep 80% of the earth's carbon emitting fossil fuels in the ground. To enable the Australian society and economy to accommodate this goal we must rapidly reduce our reliance on fossil fuels and encourage the expansion of clean, renewable energy. Fossil fuel prices are kept artificially low because they do not include the costs of their side effects such as air pollution and the associated healthcare costs of respiratory conditions and premature deaths. Correcting this market failure requires fossil fuel prices to account for their true social costs. A Carbon Fee and Dividend Policy puts a steadily rising fee on the carbon content of fossil fuels which is then returned to all Australian households as a dividend and uses border adjustments to level the playing-field with trading partners. This would move the economy in an orderly transition from fossil fuels towards clean, renewable energies and energy efficiency. This policy will stimulate job creation and the economy.

We therefore ask the House to:

Introduce a Fee and Dividend Policy that

1. puts a fee on carbon based fuels and returns all the revenue to Australian households,
2. incorporates a border adjustment process to preserve our competitiveness,
3. encourages other countries to join such a program.