

DIRECT ACTION PLAN

I must strongly object to the proposed legislation by the Abbott govt for their direct action plan. This policy is simply a political fix to appease and promote major mining and industrial interests and does little to improve Co2 emissions into the atmosphere.

Duplicate studies have shown that is possible to move directly from dirty power to sustainable energy over the next two decades without using coal seam gas as an intermediate fuel source.

I suggest that if there is any war to be fought at the moment it is that of Climate Change. We need look no further than our own shores over the past 3 months to observe greater extremes of temperature since even a year ago. Yes climate change has always happened on our one and only planet, but this is the first time that the human race has caused it by industrial and transport activity.

We cause the problem, if we are given enough time before our planet is ruined we can help to fix it.

We have the technology in this country to change to solar, wind and hydro power generation. We can use this technology to charge and run small electric cars. Perhaps the Holden factory could become a manufacturer of such vehicles.

The mining industry, big business and the Murdoch press cannot be allowed to be the defacto government of Australia. Their interests are not for the long term interests of this country and its people. I believe that the Abbott govt is controlled by the above interests. In that position the govt policy defaults to those interests.

This is a world wide emergency which this nation ignores at is peril.

- The mining and use of fossil fuel for power needs to be eliminated in Australia.
- The mining and export of fossil fuel to other nations increases worldwide pollution and discourages other nations such as India from developing their own sustainable energy sources.
- It is practical to transition from dirty fuel to sustainable energy without the use of CSG. This technology is causing distress to landholders and communities. It is causing unknowable damage to bedrock and our underground water tables. It amazes me that any government could have allowed this technology to progress as it has with so little information and/or accountability.

I believe that the time available left to save our planet is limited. Courageous, forward thinking, independent government action is required to fix the problem. Unprejudiced scientific advice should be heeded - that of scientists, meteorologists and technologists.

Those ancient, grey haired, has been, nay saying, unqualified deniers, should be locked away from harm in the deepest dungeons of parliament house for the duration of the emergency. As a 65 year old I see and abhor their manipulation of information to their own ends - to supplement their superannuation, to serve their big business masters and to massage their egos..... I am straying from the point.

I ask this committee to retain the carbon reduction scheme which is succeeding in its objective to reduce emissions. I ask this committee to increase our targets to double that of the previous government. I urge it, to abolish Abbott, and if it cannot do that, to abandon his ridiculous direct action non scheme which is merely a political fix. The adults are supposed to be in charge.

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