

To Senators on the Senate Select Committee on Climate Policy,

Emissions trading is one of many important tools the government can use to reduce Australia's emissions. By setting a strong target and sending a price signal to the market, a well-designed scheme should help dramatically reduce Australia's emissions at the least cost to the economy and make sure Australia does its fair share to tackle climate change.

But targets are only that targets, that can be reached or not depending on whether everyone plays the game and we know that as politics being what it is politicians play the game using spin to further their cause, that is why Howard did not want to ratify Kyoto because it would tie him down to providing statistics on reaching his targets, he just wanted to play his game withholding the figures and made a lot of noise saying he was reaching the set targets anyway, we were just expected to believe him. The system has to be brought on line ASAP therefore a slow start on an exponential curve to get people used to the system is the best way. We can not afford to continually delay an ETS just because we are going through an economic crisis, what excuse will the liberals have next for delaying an ETS if we waited for other countries to act we will be waiting forever and quite frankly it is probably too late now to counter all of the effects in latter years the problems with sunami migration due to countries being wiped out is going to cause huge economic and social destabilization. I believe the greens should pass the current legislation but with certain amendments. These amendments should be based upon giving green credits to everyone who makes a decision that will benefit the planet.

Just do it.
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