

To Senators on the Senate Select Committee on Climate Policy,

The proposed ETS is an administrative nightmare and a beauractric mess. Why not use the Taxation powers which are simple and most effective.?

Levy a tax on those activities which produce Green House gases based on the amount of gas produced. EG Coal fired Power stations, Petrol & Deisel fuels and all the other polluters. This will mean an increase in the costs for those items.

Use the funds produced to subsidise activities which do not produce Green House gases. Solar water heating and electric generation, Wind farms etc, Even the cost of bicycles. This will reduce the cost to the consumer.

The market will quickly sort it out. Consumers will move to the cheaper products and polluters will be encouraged to take action to reduce their Green House Gas emissions.

Example is Origin Energy which is building a new gas fired Power Station and will collect the CO2 produced. This will then be stored and onsold to Beer and Drink manufacturers and to makers of Fire Extinguishers.

Using the market is the obvious way to encourage polluting activities to reduce their pollution. It is a simple but effective solution, and can be varied quickly by a change in the rate of taxation.

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