

The emissions trading scheme as it stands decreases the impact that individuals and industries already working towards carbon emission reduction will have on overall carbon emissions in the future.

The scheme needs to give real imperatives to the big polluters to reduce their emissions- minimal financial support for transition to big polluters should be withdrawn increasingly over the next 5 years. 2010 is not too early to institute a Carbon reduction scheme that targets these industries.

By punishing the industries already contributing the reduction in overall emissions (recycling, natural gas etc) and offering financial incentives to those that are ignorant at best and abhorrently short sighted and opportunistic at worst- you are doing an incredible dis-service to the Australian people.

This is not "serious action to halt dangerous climate change" it is business as usual. It wrecks of ill prepared policy and obviously misunderstands the conditions in which we find ourselves.

I expected more from Labour. I expected more from Rudd. The economic crisis is the perfect condition for reforming our patterns of consumption and the structure of our political economy. Take the opportunity, be bold and make those that have found themselves profiting from excessive carbon emissions put something back for the rest of the world.

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