

To Senators on the Senate Select Committee on Climate Policy,

.....The latest evidence demonstrates that we have been under estimating the impact of Carbon emissions.....

.....Please seriously consider the alternatives. A phased in penalty for burning fossil fuels would begin the transition to a sustainable energy system.

For example, a well planned and staged taxation scheme would help conserve fuel our limited reserves, reduce our overseas dependence on imported fuel, lower the emissions and encourage the uptake of more fuel efficient vehicles and machines in general.

A classic example is the tax exemption applicable on large fuel inefficient four wheel drive vehicles. This must be reversed, and a comprehensive staged plan of tax increases and decreases (where applicable) introduced in a manner that both end users and manufactures have clear strategies for the near term future. Such a plan has the potential to not only raise tax revenue, reduce net import expenses, reduce Carbon emissions and create jobs and a high tech local industry. This is not a "here today - gone tomorrow" throwaway idea, a plan like this would be a long term strategy for every citizen within Australia and may prove to become a model for the world to follow.

Australia needs a strong, ambitious and fair emissions trading scheme, not a plan that protects polluters and stands in the way of the change we need.

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