

To Senators on the Senate Select Committee on Climate Policy,

The proposed emissions trading scheme is crazy. It is a severe bureaucratic impost on business yet will do little to reduce pollution because the targets are too low and too much is being given back to the biggest polluters.

Instead, we need to aim for a scheme that will reduce pollution more sharply, while directing resources towards clean energy alternatives.

We also need to address the bizarre contradiction of moving to reduce emissions on the one hand while maintaining massive subsidies on fossil fuels including plans for a radical expansion of coal export capacity in Queensland (which of course is conveniently not counted against our total since the coal is burnt elsewhere).

My fundamental point is that it's time to stop playing stupid games and get real. The Titanic will still hit the iceberg no matter how we re-arrange the deck chairs.

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