

Trying to find a fair compromise for emissions trading is not realistic when some of the parties have such lobbying/economic power that they can dictate terms of the agreement. The present scheme for giving concessions to major polluters at the expense of small firms whose marginal profits will be lost with the carbon emission taxes is not the answer to the present economic /climate crisis

It will squeeze many small Australian firms out of business and provide an incentive for multinational businesses to expand production, increasing their pollution rates and giving an excuse to demand greater subsidies and concessions.

It will mean extending life of fossil fuel power plants well beyond the critical time for environmental recovery predicted by environmental scientists. It will leave no option of returning to sustainable energy sources ,which are easily and cheaply accessible now ,when other fuel sources run out For the sake of our children and future generations of Australians we must stop supporting these industries which are gaining temporary wealth by exporting our natural resources and polluting our air and water supplies and undermining our economy in the process.We must use our existing technology and create new jobs to find better ways of conserving our natural resources and developing sustainable forms of energy.

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