

I would like to express my absolute disappointment with the White Paper on the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme. It seems little difference to Howard's position and is therefore a huge disappointment to those of us who voted for Labor on its environmental promises.

It appears there is no effective provision to actually reduce our carbon pollution because :

1. a 5% reduction target by 2020, even if it were achieved by actual reductions in carbon pollution by Australia is inadequate to turn around the contribution by Australia to carbon pollution of the atmosphere
2. rather than actually reducing Australia's carbon pollution, we are planning to offset our pollution by paying for native forests in PNG and Indonesia not to be logged (how do we effectively police this?)
3. we are planning to give huge free carbon emission permits to the large polluters such as coal miners, aluminium smelting and coal fired power stations
3. we have no incentive to households such as mine and to small businesses to put solar panels on roofs, make electricity use reductions or to subscribe to alternative energy supply on the Grid eg Origin Energy's wind energy
4. our taxes will be used to pay the carbon polluters compensation . I read that this would be \$3.9billion or about \$750 per person to coal fired power generators. This amount would go a long way towards subsidising an alternative energy future

I think we need to:

1. increase the carbon reduction target to 50% by 2020
2. use Government financial stimulus to support the introduction of alternative energy eg. power feed back incentives such as the ACT Government has introduced, more subsidy to households to install solar panels and solar hot water heating
3. Stop spending such a disproportionate amount of tax payers money on 'clean coal technologies'. I have not heard any positive reports on the effectiveness of carbon capture technology from any scientists other than those funded by the carbon capture research grants, in fact all the reviews I have read so far from independent sources say carbon capture is not possible on the scale we would need to cancel the coal industry's carbon pollution and that it will not occur any time soon
3. we need to stop any further coal fired power stations being built
4. we need to start setting up alternative energy on a broad scale so we have people trained in the research, production and installation and running of these products so that when we are finally in a Globally carbon restrained world , we have the expertise

Thank you for considering this submission.

Yours sincerely,

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