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Despite the growing evidence that the alleged climate change and its associated drastic consequences are not based on valid peer reviewed evidence, the Government is prepared to offer a large tax concession to wealthy organisations who plant trees as a carbon sink.

Apart from the dubious merit of accepting that it will affect climate, it will certainly have a significant adverse effect on agricultural production. Farmers who already are experiencing weather induced problems and low product prices will be inclined to sell off land used for food production to these speculators. This will reduce food production and force up the food prices even more. Should the venture fail (for the same weather reasons that farmers are unsuccessful) they will still have gained a tax concession. The irony is that some of the alleged biggest polluters will be in a position to enter the scheme to their advantage while the community is disadvantaged. I believe it was one of the Governments promises that it would attempt to keep down the price of food but this proposal will do exactly the opposite.