

The Australian government seems to be beholden to the power of large corporations. For example it is moving to lower the mining tax. This seems not in the national interest because only 20% of the mining industry is Australian owned.

So the Trans Pacific Partnership is also not in the national interest, particularly the Investor-State Dispute Settlement which must involve a loss of national sovereignty.

Australia must make a rapid transition away from a fossil fuel based economy, for the sake of my children and grandchildren – and all our descendants. This would be difficult if we go ahead with the Trans Pacific Partnership and the Investor-State Dispute Settlement scheme.

Thank you

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"Anyone who believes exponential growth can go on forever in a finite world is either a madman or an economist." - attributed to economist Kenneth Boulding