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Committee Secretary
Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee
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Dear Senators,

RE: Native Vegetation Laws, Greenhouse Gas Abatement and Climate Change Measures

As this is an area I have covered on several occasions in Parliament, I would like to address this inquiry with some brief points and copies of said speeches.

1. It is very important carbon reduction should not be left to a process that will lead to the same manipulation as the managed investment schemes.
2. Any such scheme should be based around the actual building of clean energy constructions – solar hot water systems, ethanol plants at Australia's sugar mills, electricity power stations using sugar cane bagasse and the building of the North Australian Clean Energy Corridor – not bureaucratic systems from which major corporations can trade upon as a profit making exercise.

The above programs will lead to a 20% reduction in emissions from transportation and a 20% reduction in emissions from the production of electricity.

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3. We oppose any system based around a carbon tax. The carbon tax approach will impose an unfair tax burden on all of our export industries. For example; 25% of mining expenses are from the cost of electricity. So the governments projected increase in the price of electricity of 20% along with the cost of other now carbon taxed supplies to mining, will put our cost of mining up by 10%. A cost burden our competitors do not have to bear.
4. Much more investment should be put into the Lloyd technology for CO2 free production of electricity from coal, by way of a pilot plant to be undertaken immediately. Lloyd graphite technology is already being used with the retention of heat from solar thermal energy, but even more interesting technology is in the production of electricity from coal fired power stations with a reduction to almost zero CO2 emissions.

It extraordinary that not a cent of government money has been applied to a technology that has been backed by some of Australia's leading technologists.

5. Any carbon reduction scheme must account for the contributions farming enterprises already make through carbon absorption.

In addition to these points, please see attached copies of speeches made by me in the Australian Parliament on this topic.

1. CPRS Bill 2009
2. Renewable Energy Amendment Bill
3. Australian Centre for Renewable Energy Bill
4. CPRS Bill 2010

Also included is a diagram further explaining the Northern Australia Clean Energy Corridor.

Yours Sincerely

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