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Australia does indeed need to address its problem of land management and the prevention of erosion.

Regarding carbon credits and emission levels, the method of assessment would appear to be flawed as it favours countries that have emission levels that have almost unbreathable air but fulfill the guidelines because of high population levels.

The method of calculating air quality should be just that. It should be calculated using only the amount and type of particulates or undesirable gasses in a given volume of air and should not be related to population levels in such a way that a low population works against the country concerned.

With Australia's vast area and massive desert and semi desert we will always have a low population per unit area and will always be disadvantaged under the current guidelines.

If we were to increase population it could make us conform but it would not improve the real situation but it would have a very harmful effect on land management and would therefore be counterproductive.

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