

To Senators on the Senate Select Committee on Climate Policy,

Please do not jeopardise Australia's economic wellbeing and the future for many Australians by implementing an emissions trading scheme. As there is no positive proof that global warming is a direct result of man made emissions, only by exclusion and hypotheses, it would be economic vandalism to impose this burden on Australian businesses and consumers, especially given the proportion of global emissions produced by Australia.

By all means work to reduce pollution in all forms and develop more sustainable methods of developing energy but don't coat it in a religious fervour and emotion. Wild predictions are presented as fact and it appears the more wild, the more accepted they are and the more genuflecting and wailing they cause. Keep in mind that much of Australia's policy on climate change was developed by a geologist, an economist and a bunch of scientists that depend on it being the truth for their livelihoods.

I feel there are more pressing real problems such as the Murray, logging in Tasmania and Victoria's responses to their water shortage that require the urgent attention of Parliament. A carbon emissions trading scheme is not going to have an impact on any of these issues. These are REAL problems that require REAL solutions.

The Federal Labor Government are showing by their preparedness to modify their proposed scheme that they are most concerned with fashion. Carbon emissions are either important or not. It seems now they are a little bit important but not as important as they once were. As with signing the Kyoto Protocol it is all about symbolism and at least we are doing something.

- Please don't ruin the Australian economy with taxes based on an hypothesis
- Please don't make a decision based on unsubstantiated predictions of doom presented as fact
- Please don't let fashionable causes hide real problems that require real solutions.

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