

To Senators on the Senate Select Committee on Climate Policy,

The Greens have failed to note that renewable energy and energy efficiency were not at the forefront of the previous government and as such they cannot make the claim that this emissions trade scheme would be 'undermining existing policies to move Australia to renewable energy, energy efficiency and clean transport'.

However, the emissions trading scheme does not go far enough in ensuring that future energy is moving towards renewable sources and resources and 'green energy' should be at the forefront of Australia's interests, as it was over ten years ago with the previous Labor government.

Climate change is a real phenomenon which is direct response to millennia of pollutants going into the atmosphere, particularly within the last 300 years. Any scheme aimed at addressing such an issue should be one which is firmly founded in breaking the monopoly dirty industry has over the Australian job network and injecting new life into 'green' projects that would bolster the economy, improve Australia's international standing, and create a safer lifestyle for all Australians and, potentially, world citizens.

I urge that this issue be addressed fully and not simply rejected in parliament. Amendments should be made to the scheme, but the whole scheme should not be dismissed as it is one method of reducing some of the impact on the climate which could enhance any projects that continue and advance the 'greening' of Australia.

Advance Australia Vert!

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