

To Senators on the Senate Select Committee on Climate Policy,

Emissions trading is NOT one of many important tools the government can use to reduce Australia's emissions.

What we need are taxes and laws plus enforcement to stop POLLUTING of the atmosphere, the land, and underground water. Carbon Dioxide is NOT a pollutant, but is essential for plant life. Other gases and liquids which ARE POLLUTANTS are not being properly monitored by the three levels of government in Australia. For example, the important mining town of Broken Hill, and the small port of Esperance. At the latter place, it was not before birds were falling out of the sky that the authorities sat up and took notice. The whole town, from roofs to the ground, is polluted with lead powder.

Nature has several ways of mopping up changes in Carbon Dioxide, such as into extra plant growth, soil microbes, and into river and sea water. So the ETS is scientifically outrageous. Focus on the POISONOUS emissions of industry and modern living.

The proposed Emissions Trading Scheme is designed so that people who produce nothing can sit in skyscrapers around the world, making fortunes while the costs of the ETS are transferred to genuine primary producers, factory owners, workers, and consumers generally.

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