

## **National Market Driven Energy Efficiency Target Bill 2007 (2008)**

The rationale for proposing the above Bill derives from the alleged need to reduce the production of greenhouse gases which are alleged to cause so-called global warming.

The hypothesis that increasing greenhouse gas production is the major cause of global warming, has been unquestionably accepted by thousands of people, including many politicians. However, there is a lack of convincing evidence to support the hypothesis. In fact, I have heard more scientists dismiss the hypothesis as untrue than accept it.

Sadly, the majority of Australian politicians take man-made global warming as a given, and have proposed to introduce measures which would penalise coal-fired power generation and usage so as to favour less-cost-effective energy generation. This will lead to inflation and a serious misallocation of resources.

Rather, it is considered that the Senate should be conducting an inquiry into the science – or the lack thereof – that proponents use to justify their claims. It would be totally irresponsible to proceed regardless.

At the very least, any proposed legislation that takes man-made global warming as a given, should lie on the table until such time that extensive evidence can be found to support the hypothesis. Nor should Australia be leading the race to implement substantial greenhouse gas reduction, particularly with major economies such as China and India pressing on regardless.

Any greenhouse gas reduction legislation that is passed, should have in-built provision for its termination when the hypothesis is disproved.

Yours faithfully

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