

## **'Carbon' tax**

Last week another disgraceful chapter in Australia's political history was written. Driven by deception, fraud, downright political opportunism and lies, if the 'Carbon' tax becomes law, the government which introduces it and those associated with its introduction will be judged harshly by history.

To have only six days to lodge submissions on 1,100 pages of proposed legislation is also an arrogant trampling of our citizens' right to a fair, open and accountable government. This is yet another layer on 16,000 pages of tax acts which already stifle production and exchange in this country. A thorough enquiry is needed into so-called carbon trading and the inevitable corruption associated with trading in thin air. It is evident that this proposed tax will have no effect whatsoever on the climate, but will destroy access to cheap coal-fired energy which is abundant, efficient and clean. Carbon dioxide is not dirty, does not block sunlight, and is an essential ingredient in the miracle of photosynthesis and sustaining plant life. Crop production to feed the world was never more needed, and carbon dioxide, the principal fertiliser, is an ally, not an enemy to be taxed into submission.

My letter to Greg Combet, Minister for Climate Change and Energy Efficiency, (on next page) sent 14 September refers.

Any members who vote for this abominable threat to the economic future of this country should have their names embossed on a dishonour board permanently mounted in a Hall of Shame.

Regards  
John McRobert

**Letter to Greg Combet, Minister for Climate Change and Energy Efficiency**

Dear Greg

I heard you on radio this morning promoting that dreadful new tax. I am appalled that you can promote with a straight face what you must know to be the greatest hoax in history.

I am a civil engineer and worked in the coal mining industry for many years. I note you qualified as a mining engineer. I know many mining engineers and geologists, and all are aware, as you must be, that a trace gas, carbon dioxide, is not guilty of changing the climate. Your proposed tax, called a 'carbon' tax by the spin doctors, will be an appalling imposition on the economy and achieve nothing by way of affecting the climate for better or for worse - but it will surely attack our prosperity and ability to cope with natural climate change.

You would earn my respect, and the respect of many people well-qualified to comment, by telling the truth about what is driving this agenda and resigning from parliament before the carbon scare hoax is fully exposed on the world stage.

Regards

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