

A message from Bill Koutalios

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The Emission Trading Scheme (ETS)

- saving our planet?
- or just a new wasteful Tax?

Consider these facts :

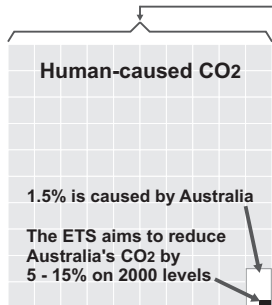
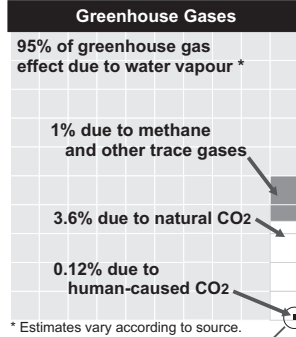
1. CO₂ is not a pollutant. It is a part of earth's natural carbon cycle to which the humans contribute only about 3.6%. Higher concentrations have proven benefits such as making plants grow faster and have no demonstrable effect on climate.



2. ETS will have no discernable effect on atmospheric CO₂ and the Climate.

Greenhouse gases make up 1% of air and reduce heat loss from the earth – without them, we would be in an ice age with earth 33°C colder.

CO₂ is a minor greenhouse gas and human-caused CO₂ is minuscule at about 0.12% of total greenhouse effect.



- So an ETS in Australia may only reduce greenhouse gases by an order of one millionth.
- The equivalent of reducing a piece of string a kilometre long by one millimetre.
- Or by some estimates, prevent one-ten-thousandth of a degree of global warming.

3. But is the ETS a worthwhile symbolic first step?

No. Symbolically reducing CO₂ by one millionth will cost Australia \$50 Billion per year, or

\$4,550 per taxpayer per year...

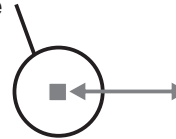
...while China alone increases its CO₂ emissions every few months by Australia's entire annual amount. This money could be better spent to safeguard our environment.

4. But isn't the science settled?

Don't 2500 IPCC scientists agree CO₂ is causing Global Warming?

Not exactly. Of the 2,500 IPCC scientists, only 600 examined the climate science, of which 308 reviewed the second draft of which 62 considered the cause of climate change of which 7 were independent of which 2 disagreed, so **ONLY 5** independent scientists said CO₂ has even 90% chance of being involved with climate change.

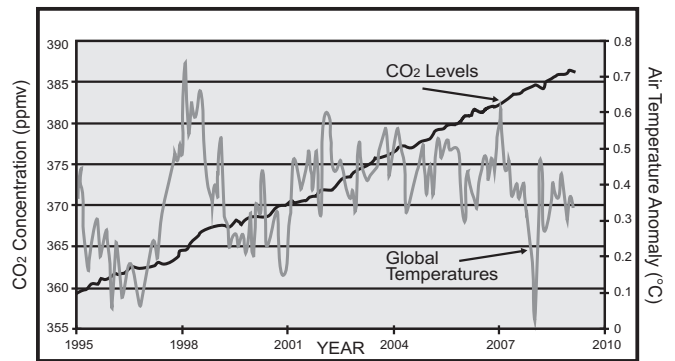
Only 5 independent scientists saying CO₂ could be the cause



Compared that with the 31,000 scientists who have signed a petition (www.petitionproject.org) saying there is NO conclusive evidence CO₂ is causing climate change.

31,000 scientists refuting CO₂ as the cause of climate change

5. But what about global temperatures?



Global temperatures change naturally. In the last 10 years, the temperature rise predicted by CO₂ climate models has not occurred despite rising CO₂ - in fact global temperature has not risen at all. **The whole premise that human-caused CO₂ is causing dangerous global warming is wrong.**

Therefore an ETS

- Will not reduce global emissions.
- Will not change the climate.
- Will cost us plenty.

6. But regardless of the science, is not alternative sustainable energy good for the environment?

Of course, but the ETS is potentially wasteful, diverting rivers of consumer money to a whole new industry of auditors, lawyers, traders, bankers and 'green' businessmen, waiting to trade in a new commodity you can hardly measure.

Spain has moved towards a renewable energy economy and has 19% unemployment and power costs have risen 100%.

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