

Governments promoting coal exports want to tax Aussies using coal-fired electricity

Why do the Rudd-Gillard governments promote coal exports yet want to tax Aussies using coal-fired electricity?

It seems that the party claiming to be the workers' party has been swept aside by the dark greens, bureaucrats, ivory-tower academics and career politicians. Workers are now its victims.

Australian and Queensland state Labor governments have both loudly vilified coal as an energy source. Yet their actions are contrary to their statements.

On Thursday, November 19, 2009 it was reported that a massive \$7.5 billion Queensland coal project backed by the Chinese is being, quote "fast-tracked by the (Rudd-Gillard) federal government which yesterday guaranteed a smooth approvals process for the ambitious project" (The Australian newspaper, Sarah-Jane Tasker, Canberra fast-tracks Clive Palmer's \$7.5bn Queensland coal project.)

It seems that while the Rudd-Gillard government says coal mined and burned in Australia is detrimental to our planet, that same coal mined in Australia and burned in China is enthusiastically supported by the government. This is despite Australian power stations having generally superior and more efficient combustion technology enabling greater efficiency (less CO₂ per unit of energy generated) and less real pollutants (particulates and toxins)).

Friday, September 17, 2010. Queensland state Treasurer, Andrew Fraser, proudly stated Queensland's coal exports were forecast to grow by 50% in the next five years. As justification for the state government's sale of Queensland Rail, QR, Fraser stated the sale was necessary for QR to raise sufficient capital to enable the 50% increase that he fully supported in coal exports. (ABC Radio National, The National Interest)

Thursday, July 19, 2007. The then Treasurer, Anna Bligh, the current state premier, proudly proclaimed her government's 20 year \$88 billion capital plan for state infrastructure. My recollection of her speech is that around 60% of funding was to be allocated to a combination of improving rail infrastructure to increase coal exports and improving roads to make easier use of cars and trucks. Yet during that election year, the then state premier, Peter Beattie frequently spoke of the need to address climate change by cutting coal consumption. At the time, federal opposition leader, Kevin Rudd was seeking election as Prime Minister on a platform of addressing climate change by reducing CO₂ production from cars and coal.

In April 2010, Prime Minister Kevin Rudd readily turned his back on his proclaimed "greatest moral challenge of our time", apparently on Julia Gillard's recommendation. Less than six months earlier though both were insisting Australia must go-it-alone enacting an ETS before the UN's 2009 Copenhagen conference without support from other nations.

While a week is said to be along time in politics, it seems six months is but a blink of an eye.

Before her own recent election Julia Gillard ruled out a carbon tax. Immediately after the election she admitted a carbon tax is an option she is considering.

Are you aware of the spontaneous farmers' campaign supporting Peter Spencer. This seems to illustrate the Rudd-Gillard government's taking of citizens' private property rights as its way

of easily ensuring compliance with Kyoto without reducing production of CO2?

Recall the Rudd-Gillard government's desperate last minute acceptance of former Goldman Sachs Managing Director Malcolm Turnbull's CPRS amendments despite Senator Wong's initial severe public condemnation of those amendments.

Can you remember the Rudd-Gillard government's amendments of its CPRS to appease powerful vested interests whose products produce CO2?

What about the Rudd-Gillard government flying 114 staff to the UN's Copenhagen conference?

Consider the failure of the Rudd-Gillard government's first Climate Change Minister, Senator Wong to challenge the UN IPCC's repeated fraud and falsities despite being repeatedly provided with solid evidence in writing. Do you know that in justifying her stance she cited that she relies on the UN IPCC?

In ALP governments' crossed eyes, is coal evil or beneficial?

The conclusion is clear: the Rudd-Gillard governments go to extraordinary lengths to introduce a 'CO2-trading' scheme that is fully open to unlimited future political fiddling enabling huge cost increases after introduction. Those changes will hurt Australia, Australian employers and Aussie workers and families.

The observation that other nations' 'CO2-trading' schemes have failed and have no impact on CO2 is sobering. That CO2 does not affect climate is the killer to any and every Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS).

Governments hungry for revenue and pushing any ETS or tax on CO2 are attacking Nature and hurting the environment.

CO2 is not a pollutant. CO2 is a harmless, natural trace gas essential to all life on Earth. Nature alone controls atmospheric CO2 levels and puny human production of CO2 has no impact on climate.

Economies powered by cheap, abundant, reliable electricity from environmentally responsible use of carbon fuels are environmental saviours.

What would be the state today of Earth's forests and whales if those sources of energy had not been replaced by coal, oil and natural gas?

CO2 is a natural gas essential to our breathing. Carbon is in every cell in our bodies. Sadly, this makes carbon and CO2 targets for unlimited government revenue.

Actions speak more loudly than do words. It's clear that even governments with their roots in working people will say anything to justify plundering our breathing, food, employment and energy for tax revenue. They now have their claws in working people.

CO2 is not harmful. CO2 is a trace gas essential for all life on Earth. Keep it out of politicians' and Treasury's hands—leave it to Nature.

A tax on CO2—attacks on life.