

There Is Nothing Green About Emissions Trading

That's why it was opposed by Greenpeace, the Green Party, most green groups and an Australia-wide network of climate activists.



Emissions Trading Does Not Reduce Pollution

A trading scheme is only about distributing pollution permits. It does not include strategies to phase out coal or make any other changes to reduce pollution.



Emissions Trading Is Failing In Europe

An emissions trading scheme has operated in Europe since 2005. Right from the outset, it was rife with scams, corruption and exploitative fake offset projects, and it has not led to any reduction in emissions.

See (for example) www.carbontradewatch.org for more info on how dodgy the whole set-up is.

Real Solutions Are Right In Front Of Us



Invest In Renewables

A variety of wind and solar power generating systems are fully ready for mass production. They include systems for storing solar heat to keep power stations running overnight. If government investment in renewables was even a quarter of what it throws at coal, this industry would fly.



Phase Out Coal

The government needs to plan around a shrinking coal industry by restricting its approval of new projects and supporting communities affected by the shift.

Demand The Change

Regardless of the waffle at Kyoto or Copenhagen, and regardless of whether the government gets its emissions trading CPRS passed or not, nothing the government has put on the table is of any benefit to you or me. So far it has offered an emissions trading scheme accompanied by a "5-15%" reduction in CO₂ emissions over 10 years and no commitment to any changes in power generation or coal exports. That's a total sell-out to a few big businesses and no use at all to the rest of us.

Even without the climate issue, it will be a huge relief to scale back industries like mining and talk some sense into this suicidal society. But it needs us to be brave and strong and go into bat against some powerful players.

The Time Has Come