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## TAXING AUSTRALIA'S CARBON DIOXIDE EMISSIONS WILL NOT "CONTROL" OUR CLIMATE

- **CARBON DIOXIDE IS NOT A POLLUTANT:** CO<sub>2</sub> is a colourless and odourless atmospheric trace gas. It is essential for life on Earth.
- **RESEARCH:** Studies of data sets over very long periods confirm that CO<sub>2</sub> increases came **AFTER** increases in global temperature. So CO<sub>2</sub> could not have **CAUSED** past periods of planetary warming.
- **WARMING:** Some global surface warming probably has occurred in the last century. However, despite increasing atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub>, there has been no increase in the global surface temperature since 1998.
- **CHINA:** China produces the equivalent of Australia's total annual CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in less than a month. Its total annual emissions will increase by 70% in the next decade to 10,000 million tonnes. Why should we sacrifice jobs and harm our economy, when our exported coal is being consumed tax-free there?
- **REST OF WORLD:** The Gillard Government wants to reduce our 1.5% of total global CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. Yet China and the USA, the planet's two largest emitters, will **CONTINUE TO INCREASE** their emissions, together with India and most other countries.
- **NATURAL ICONS:** The government's tax will not make any difference to the state of the Great Barrier Reef or Kakadu – both which are environmentally healthy.
- **CLIMATE CHANGE:** Climate change is a natural phenomenon. It is not due to human activity. The frequency of Australia's floods, droughts, bushfires and cyclones will not be controlled by a new tax.
- **FUTURE:** Climate model predictions of dangerous global warming are highly uncertain, as there are no established laws of climate change.

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