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Hello AEF Members,

As you would be aware the 'Stop the ETS' campaign is the major focus of our activities following the decision made at our annual conference to tackle this issue head on. We are making quite good progress with the petition at our campaign website www.listentous.org.au however; we still have two goals to meet in the next few weeks:

1. Achieve 5000 signatures at the online petition before we hand the petition over to Dr Dennis Jensen MP for presentation to parliament and,
2. Raise the last \$10,000 to further develop the campaign website and publicise the campaign.

Given the importance of helping to facilitate the defeat of legislation that would permit an emissions trading scheme to be implemented, the board ask that you make an extra effort to discuss this issue with your friends and family to gain their support for the petition.

There is widespread opposition to the introduction of an ETS, but AEF is the only environment group that has opposed this scheme from the start. Other environment groups are now voicing their opposition to the current proposed ETS for various different reasons.

The government appears fully intent on pressing ahead with this scheme to tax an essential element of life on earth – carbon dioxide – to 'safeguard the environment'.

This Garnaut proposed ETS scheme has many elements, but safeguarding the environment is not one of them.

AEF was not the first environment group to speak out on the climate change issue having appraised the situation carefully over many months and considered the available science, but we have now acted strongly in opposing this 'cure' for climate change and seek your support in demonstrating that many in the community oppose this ill conceived scheme.

Many people who are not AEF members have already supported the online petition with their signature and their financial support and this can be seen by visiting the petition page here <http://petitions.listentous.org.au/detail/index/pid/16>

We need every AEF member to do as much as they can to stop the ETS. Please consider today what you can do to help.

Regards Max

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