

Making Sense of ETS

Carbon Dioxide (CO₂) is not a pollutant. CO₂ is a clear, odourless gas that is necessary to life. The essential fact to remember is that carbon dioxide is at the most 385 parts per 1,000,000 of the atmosphere, which is 0.0385 percent. Small quantity though it is, no life could exist on earth without it. All life on earth is built from Hydrogen, Carbon, Oxygen and Nitrogen. CO₂ provides two of these fundamental building blocks.

The vast oceans which cover 71% of the planet, plus plants, absorb 98.5% of the CO₂ that is emitted by nature and man. As CO₂ increases in the atmosphere, nature's controlling mechanism causes plant growth to increase via photosynthesis; CO₂ is absorbed, and oxygen is freed. Photosynthesis is an endothermic, (cooling), reaction.

Ask your primary school aged children about the carbon cycle.

The alleged greenhouse effect is a non-existent effect. No greenhouse, whether made from glass, plastic, cardboard or steel will reach a higher inside temperature due to the 'magic' of re-radiated energy. If it did, engineers would have been able to design power stations made from air, mirrors and glass, extracting more energy out of it than was put into it.

The taxation of carbon emissions is another socialist control on the private sector. That is all it is.

Restricting the production of CO₂, this essential non pollutant is absolute nonsense.

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