Our New Rationing Scheme?

The Letters Editor,

WSP, the global engineering consultancy, has been conducting a carbon rationing scheme among 80 of its British employees for almost two years. The scheme is about to be extended.

Stuart McLachlan, the managing director, was fined. Mr McLachlan tried to cut his carbon footprint by buying a bike and cycling 12 miles to work from Richmond, Surrey, to Chancery Lane, in Central London. He also installed energy-saving light bulbs, but he still exceeded his ration — and was fined £100 — because he flew to his holiday home in South Africa.

David Symons, co-ordinator of the scheme, stayed within his ration last year by giving up his Mazda RX8 sports car and buying a diesel Peugeot 207. He met this year's target largely because his partner had a baby and he rarely left home except to go to work.

One employee, Dan Dowling, 29, switched the mode of transport for his honeymoon in Rome from plane to train.

Several WSP staff added that peer pressure played a part in persuading them to stay within their ration.

I wonder what scheme Penny Wong and her ETS lunatic mates in the Liberal Party are planning for us.

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