

Australia's Three Climate Choices

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WHY?

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 0.0385 percent of the atmosphere.

Ask your primary school aged children about the carbon cycle.

The Turnbull plan aims to reduce 2020 CO₂ emissions to 90% of the 2000 level.

Going back to 90% of 2000 would require approx. 20% cut on today's activities. Further, the population by 2020 will be at least 30% above that in 2000. So the Turnbull carbon cuts will need to be more than 33% per person.

There is zero chance within a decade that wind, solar, geothermal or carbon burial will overcome their technical, engineering, infrastructure, environmental, transmission, economic and stability problems quickly enough to generate significant quantities of emissions-free base load electricity.

That leaves Australia just three options;

1. The beloved 'good old days' GREEN option where we use sailing vessels, horses, camels, candles etc.
2. The DETERMINED option of simply reducing the Australian population by whatever means necessary and
3. The FINAL option of building the shortfall in electricity via nuclear power stations across Australia.

The Rudd and Turnbull plans for controlling CO₂ emissions, this essential non pollutant are both absolute nonsense.

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