

Letter to the Editor

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## *“The Fabian Carbon Tax”*

Sir

Everyone is relieved that we are only getting a 5% carbon tax penalty with lots of refunds, exemptions and electoral bribes.

This is the worst possible outcome.

Better they stayed at 25% tax, which would have provoked such a revolt that even the Liberals would have objected. The whole thing would then have been abandoned at the first opportunity.

But this sneaky Fabian tax will get onto the books and we will all be trained to submit annual returns to the Greenhouse office. Then later, exemptions will be abandoned, the tax will become a permanent feature of the mess called the Australian Tax “System”, and 5% will creep to 10%, to 20%, where they wanted it in the first place.

Meanwhile, climate change will continue regardless.

And those looking forward to their Green subsidies and handouts need to remember:

“The benefit you get from Canberra is the tax you sent to Canberra, less bureaucratic charges both ways”.

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