

Email from Matt Eggleston - Re: Update on Treasurer Swan's Recent Attacks

It's quite telling when you look at the difference in language and tone that Federal Treasurer Wayne Swan uses against rich miners who are able to afford full page newspaper advertisements to get their point across, compared to taxpayer subsidised environmental activist groups like Greenpeace who are able to do exactly the same thing ("Greenpeace rejects Swan's attack over coal", Sydney Morning Herald, March 7).

With the billionaires, Wayne Swan attacked them - making the direct charge that they are shirking their responsibilities by not paying tax, and that its almost a national scandal. This was a false claim by the Treasurer, which simply does not stack up against the truth.

With Greenpeace, however, Mr Swan was far more reserved - saying that any investigation into their tax free status is "up to the Tax Commissioner. I don't interfere in that". It was almost as though he distanced himself straight away from his own half hearted attack on them (which was only brought on by media questioning).

The hypocritical double standards being demonstrated by Mr Swan here are unbelievable - in Wayne's world the billionaires who use their own money and influence to create jobs are to be treated with contempt, but the taxpayer subsidised environmental groups that use their political influence to try to destroy mining jobs don't need to be given anywhere near as much of a dressing down.

Sure seems like a strange parallel universe to me! Where is Australia heading?

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