



## Real Environmental Policies

Governments, both state and federal make sweeping statements about their environmental policies. Usually to grab the headlines to pretend they care about the environment we all have to live in.

The trouble is the grandiose policies of the major parties and the so called environmental party, The Greens, amount to little more than increased taxes for the consumers and increased profits for multinational companies.

The Rudd government's ETS draft will be ineffective, potentially bankrupting the national economy with no real improvement in our environment.

While the U.N. is promoting a need to damage developed economies in favour of propping up economies of our economic competitors, our weak internationalist politicians clamber to do the most damage to Australia.

If our politicians want to reduce emissions from current coal fired power stations they shouldn't promote totally unproven technologies to clean coal or capture emissions, all they need to do is convert our coal fired power stations to natural gas, of which we have immense amounts but which our governments are tripping over each other to sell at reduced prices to our international competitors and thereby reduce our power generating emissions by between 30% to 50%.

The first step in reducing the human impact on our environment is to stop population growth and the second step is to repair the damage already done by large scale development that has striped this country of the natural purifiers. Our rivers must be cleaned and catchment areas replanted with vegetation. We must return to house blocks with room to plant trees and streets with verges allowing for street trees. We must be part of the environment not exploiters of the environment. These small steps will make a big difference. As they use to say, take care of the pennies and the pounds will take care of themselves.

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