

Wong horse knackered but . . .
“Carbon Tax” is saddled and ready.

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The aging galloper “Ration-N-Tax” from the Wong stable is knackered.

Anyone with any economic or political nous knows that the carbon cap proposals are neither politically nor economically possible in Australia or the USA. No electorate in the western world will sit by to see their standard of living reduced until their carbon emissions per capita are equal to those of India or China while they transfer their businesses and technology to these growing industrial giants of Asia.

From now on, those pushing the RAT Scheme are flogging a dead horse. Public opinion is changing swiftly and any time soon even Malcolm Turnbull will switch his bets.

But the canny handlers anticipated this result and have another nag saddled and ready.

The next starter will be “Carbon Tax”, a donkey with no pedigree, but a determined stayer which has been in secret training within big business circles (*see below*). He must be stopped or he will father many sterile mules in Australian industry.

The Climate Change industry is already running stories and conferences on the chances of “Carbon Tax” winning the Green Derby. (He has a good chance compared to that aged mare from the Wong/CPRS stable.)

The backers of “Carbon Tax” love his huge revenue potential – just a small carbon tax will fund never ending trips to race meetings in Bali, Rio, Copenhagen, Paris and Kyoto. It will feed the voracious nationalised climate research industry, provide eternal corporate welfare for the alternate energy speculators, and allow politicians to continue buying votes with taxes collected from every consumer of electricity, transport, food, cement or anything manufactured in Australia.

“Carbon Tax” should be knackered for the same reasons that the RAT Scheme is unacceptable – it will have **no** climate benefits but it will destroy businesses, real jobs and living standards.

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Notes:

CEDA on Carbon Tax versus Emissions Trading.

“Climate policy is emerging as one of the world's most testing economic, political and social challenges since CEDA (the Committee for Economic Development of Australia) was formed. CEDA is organising a national series of forums and debates. The first event, a debate in Melbourne on 14 August, will compare a carbon tax and a Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme.”

(Why is CEDA hosting talks on which stupid policy to implement rather than highlighting the unacceptable costs of either one?) Both policies will stymie the “Economic Development of Australia”.

To read more on the likely job costs of the RAT Scheme see:

http://www.castalia-advisors.com/files/Securing_SMEs_in_Australian_CPRS_FINAL_090622.pdf

Or the costs to Australian Agriculture:

<http://carbon-sense.com/2009/07/18/cprs-agriculture/>

Or the costs of US Taxman and Malarkey Scheme:

http://www.heartland.org/custom/semod_policybot/pdf/25679.pdf