

Climate warming is a serious threat to the future of humanity and other life forms on this planet. Urgent action is needed to drastically reduce global greenhouse gas emissions. Most Australians accept this and want to get on with the job, rather than copping more spin and point-scoring from out-of-touch politicians.



Market-based solutions, such as Rudd's Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme (CPRS), will not make any difference; it's just a licence to pollute.

At Copenhagen, if there is no comprehensive international agreement, will Australia line up with the US to point the blame at poor and developing countries?

# Make Polluters Pay!

*Build an  
alternative future*

The Australian people want ...

**Protection of Australia's natural environment, flora and fauna biodiversity, water supply, river systems and marine life**

Will the profit-hungry multinational polluters and corporate monopolies beholden to foreign investment banks, take good care of Australia's unique and fragile environment into the future?

The Australian people want ...

**Massive investment in clean, renewable sources of energy, and secure and sustainable jobs**

Will corporate monopolies dependent on fossil fuel technology, be prepared to scrap existing technologies and re-invest totally in clean, renewable technologies?

The Australian people want ...

**Protection against exorbitant price increases for electricity and goods and services, as a result of carbon reduction measures. Many accept some increase in costs, but not to have the main burden lumped on them rather than the big polluters**

Will the capitalist system be prepared to accept a lesser rate of profit by not passing on the additional costs?

The Australian people want ...

**Decisive government action to force big business to protect Australia's environment, to create clean, renewable industries and sustainable, secure jobs, to make the polluters pay, not ordinary people**

Will the Rudd government listen to the people or to the lobbyists, business magnates and media moguls?

*Just to ask these questions points to the fact that the people are left out of the equation. We have no say over what is produced, how it is produced, or whether the process pollutes or is clean. We have no control.*

*Big business, especially foreign corporate monopolies and financial interests, dominates Australian industry and exercises power through the Business Council of Australia and similar bodies. The system operates in the global interests of US imperialism, and to a lesser extent, European and Japanese monopoly interests.*

*In Australia, the way forward to overcome the crisis of climate warming is to loosen the stranglehold of foreign corporate monopolies and to take control of our own resources and industries. Nationalisation of all major mining, power generation and water resources, would re-direct investment away from polluting industries and rebuild Australian industry for a clean, sustainable and secure future.*

*Instead of mega-profits going off-shore to line the pockets of foreign investors, they could be used to finance new, clean industries with technologies that already exist, and to repair our river systems and damaged environment.*

*Whatever happens at Copenhagen, the Australian people will continue to take action to unite and mobilise against the polluters. Every protest, every public meeting, every action taken to defend Australia's environment from plunder and abuse is in the interests of the people and future generations.*