

You know, I really do feel that our current bunch of federal pollies have completely lost touch with reality and believe we are all a bunch of idiots.

Why do I feel that? I'll tell ya why.

1. Julia Gillard said there would be no carbon tax.
2. Julia Gillard, once in power, (albeit by the grace of Bob Brown and the greens) said there will be a carbon tax and that she has an absolute mandate to bring it in.
3. Julia Gillard stated that the effects of the carbon tax would be like taking 45000 cars off the road.
4. Bob Brown, last Saturday night on TV was spouting about, as an example, the plight of the Koala being due to climate change.

Okay let's take these one by one.

1. Julia Gillard has gone completely against what she said she would not do during her election campaign and she did it very quickly. No if, buts or maybes about that one.
2. Where is the mandate? Julia Gillard didn't get a clear majority of Australia's votes and is only in power because of Bob Brown's Green preferences and part of her election campaign was on the understanding that there would be no carbon tax. Had she come into the election saying "I am going to bring in a carbon tax to save the world and was then elected, I would keep my mouth well and truly shut. In my mind, she deliberately lied to gain power knowing full well a carbon tax was going to happen. I reckon she deliberately lied to get the job.
3. How does that work, a carbon tax does not stop industry, it does not stop you from buying a car, buying aluminium windows for your home, a new BBQ, it doesn't stop you from doing anything you are already doing – except, of course, if the carbon tax means you can no longer afford these things. Does
4. "Super, save the world" Julia really believe we are so gullible? Does she actually believe we will believe this obvious dribble?



5. Bob Brown stated, with some authority, that the plight of the Koala is due to climate change. What a load of bollocks. Now, I can speak with some small amount of authority on this subject, (certainly more than Bob Brown) as I do belong to a local native animal care group, some of these people are “Friends of the Koala” and regularly have young, injured or displaced Koala in care. Like these two – their mother was killed by a car driven by a human being – not climate change.



Believe me, most Koala who come in for care, most Koala who are injured or killed, are in care, killed or injured due to traffic. Why are they hit by cars? Because their habitat has been destroyed in favour of the developer bank balance (permission given by local government) and/or the government has put a road right through

the middle of the Koala's territory or habitat with no regard for their wellbeing. It has nothing whatsoever to do with climate change. Don't take my word for it, call any wildlife group, there will be one in your area, and ask them. They will tell you exactly the same thing.

Julia Gillard, I reckon you are a liar - and not a very good one.

Bob Brown, I reckon you are either a liar or you are completely out of touch with the reality of life in this country.

As for the carbon tax, I'm still trying to figure out the end result motive for its introduction but one thing I know for sure, it is not going to be good for the public in general. It is a flexible tax that, once introduced, can be increased quietly and stealthily at any time and, given that my faith in our government is at such an all time low, I am very suspicious about the motive. It's sort of in now so I guess time will tell.

I still reckon there should have been a re-election because there was no clear winner.

I also reckon Julia Gillard should have taken up Tony Abbott's offer to go to the poles on the carbon tax to gain her mandate – or otherwise. But she wouldn't do that because she knew she'd get her arse kicked right out of parliament house.

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