

Julia Gillard and the Carbon Tax

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I'm not really a political type of person, I lay no claim to fully understand politics and I'm certainly too honest to ever be a politician, in fact, I do believe it is a prerequisite to be able to look someone in the eye and lie to them to become a politician, I just cannot do that. Looking at what has been going on in Australia in recent times I feel my thoughts have been confirmed.

Look at this proposed carbon tax. First up let's take one of the words out, remove the word "Carbon" and we get down to the real thing, it is a TAX. What I don't get is this.

Correct me if I'm wrong but Julia Gillard is saying this:

1. Julia Gillard is saying that she doesn't know what form the tax will take yet but we'll get it in and then tell you the story. I liken this to the car salesman saying, "Sign up for this car and then I'll tell you how much it is". Who would do that???
2. Julia Gillard is saying that money raised from the tax will go towards compensating people for the increased cost of living that has been imposed on them by the introduction of the tax. So, let's make sure I've got this right, she will take the tax that she acknowledges will increase the cost of living and then give people the money back so they will not be out of pocket. Excuse me for being logical but isn't this just going to create a whole bureaucracy to administer all this collection and redistribution??? If I buy a kettle today for \$20.00 and it has contributed 20 grams carbon to the atmosphere, if that kettle will cost \$22.00 after the introduction of the tax and I am compensated for the extra \$2.00, what has changed except for the fact that a whole bunch of public servants have been given more paper to shuffle??? Paper is made from trees isn't it? Won't that be more trees cut down to cater for this Carbon Tax?
3. Julia Gillard also says that she acknowledges the fact that climate change is due to the pressures of population but I heard no mention of curbing Australia's population, in fact they want to double it. Surely, if population is the problem, shouldn't we be looking to stabilise or reduce the population as our small contribution towards a global fix for climate change instead of a Carbon Tax on 1/240th of the world population? Instead we now have a population minister. What the frig does he do to earn his keep??? Or is it a job for one of the boys?

We already have a RECs, (Renewable Energy Certificates) system in place. Hasn't this simply created a "middle man" where companies buy credits and sell them on to industry. Isn't that what RECs are all about? If this is costing industry to buy these credits, isn't this already a tax?

Then we were hit with the resources tax.

Now we have the Carbon Tax. Which, incidentally, Julia Gillard said would never happen, so did Wayne Swan, but then I reckon Swan would look more in place in a sleazy used car sales yard than in parliament.

Let's get right down to brass tacks here.

Pudge faced Kevin Rudd, before Julia Gillard shafted him, was spouting about fighting climate change. "We are going to fight climate change". And Julia Gillard is following suit. Get real! Check my numbers here. Australia has 25 million people, give or take a few asylum seekers. The population of the world is 6 billion, thereabouts, increasing daily. That means the population of Australia represents 1/240th of the worlds population. Have I got that about right? We have China who cannot dish out car number plates fast enough, (<http://english.cri.cn/6909/2011/02/26/2741s622913.htm>) and are in the beginnings of their own industrial revolution. China has about 1.3 billion people, 52 times more than Australia.

Okay. Let's move away from China, what about India? India has about 1.2 billion people, in round figures, 48 times that of Australia and India is also industrialising.

So between India and China, they have 100 times more population than Australia, but Kevin Rudd and Julia Gillard are going to "fight" global climate change with a Carbon Tax. I don't think so!

Alan Jones interviewed Julia Gillard about the Carbon Tax on 25th February 2011 <http://www.2gb.com/> it's an interesting listen. In this interview it is shown where Julia Gillard states emphatically that there will be no Carbon Tax. She doesn't have a clue what form it will take, how much it will be or how it will be administered. She also stated that people will forget, everything that is introduced causes a stir. People jump up and down for a while, then accept and forget. I reckon our prime minister, Julia Gillard, is banking on the easy going nature of the Australian people to swing this. Don't worry about them, they'll forget. Believe me, I will not forget!

I'm not pushing any political agenda here, I would have written this no matter who was in power spouting this bull crap. Talking of being in power, isn't Julia Gillard really the prime minister of Australia by default? In the interview with Alan Jones she says she has a mandate given to her by the Australian people, this simply isn't true. Had the Australian system been a simple vote for vote, the one with the most wins, I do believe Tony Abbot would be prime minister, isn't Julia Gillard only in place by the grace of preferences given to her by the Greens Bob Brown and those preferences were given because of a "deal" swung between the ALP and the Greens, is that not the case? We actually have a prime minister who is there and supposedly "running" the country because of a back room "deal". Bloody wonderful!

Here's my prediction based on the track record:

Given that,

The solar scheme turned into a costly debacle.

The insulation scheme turned into a costly, dangerous and fatal debacle.

The schools program turned into a costly debacle.

The proposed resources tax turned into a debacle.

The electric meters turned into a costly and dangerous debacle.

Even the national payout that was Rudd's "fix" for the GFC was a debacle.*

I reckon the Carbon Tax will turn into a costly bureaucratic debacle.

*This 'fix' that supposedly "saved Australia from the GFC was a stuff up. Why? Here's why. I don't move in big social circles but I know of three people who received that payment twice. If I know of three people, exactly how many people received that payment twice? Yet another government overseen blunder.

All of these were very expensive blunders, but why would Julia Gillard worry about it, she just gave herself and her henchmen a big pay rise and if her expensive debacles run the kitty down, she'll just introduce a new tax to cover it and call it a responsible government.

Tax the polluters, tax industry, tax the miners, tax the people who can afford it, all these statements have been made but, make no mistake, any increase in the expenses incurred by industry and miners will be passed on in the cost of raw materials and hence the finished product, so, if you buy a car made of plastic and steel, if you buy electricity, if you buy gas, if you buy petrol, if you buy cigarettes, if you buy alcohol, if you buy tools, if you buy almost anything, most industries pollute to some degree so I reckon taxing these industries will increase the cost of almost everything and the bottom line is that you, every one of you working people, will pay. For what? So that Julia Gillard can give it to you back as a rebate? No way, I reckon we are being done like a dinner here!

My thoughts are running like this:

The GST was a major boost to the federal coffers giving Australia a huge surplus.

Rudd, aided by Julia Gillard, squandered the huge surplus left by the previous government.

They have and still are borrowing vast amounts of money and still do not have enough.

Tax after tax is being heaped on in an effort to compensate.

The borrowings were promised, by Swan and Gillard, to be repaid by 2012. Blind Freddy could see that was never going to happen.

As soon as there was a disaster in the country by way of flooding, what is the solution? TAX.

It seems to me that the government's solution to everything is – TAX.

You know something, I cannot say, "My business isn't doing too well, I need to earn more money to survive so I am going to put my prices up". Unfortunately I live in the real world and I cannot do that because I will be broke tomorrow but this is exactly what our government is doing in the fantasy world in which they live.

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I said as soon as the GST was introduced, “This will go up to 15%. And I reckon Julia Gillard would love to pump the GST to 15%, (an instant and easy 50% increase in TAX revenue) but knows it will be a very unpopular move. What’s the betting the Carbon TAX will be around 5%?”

It isn’t only Julia Gillard, governments worldwide are pushing for more population, in fact they want to see another 1.5 billion people on the planet.

Despite the fact that:

Fish stocks are down, in the case of Tuna they are only 10% of what they used to be.

We know we are over the “hump” as far as oil goes, the main driver of our economies.

Good farming land is rapidly being taken over for housing.

Worldwide forests are being destroyed at a faster rate than they can possibly regenerate.

Global warming, (myth or fact for whatever reason) is causing fish habitats and breeding grounds to be destroyed.

You cannot watch TV for a single evening without seeing “yet another” endangered or “at risk” species.

But world governments want to increase the population of the planet by another 25%. I must be a dumbo because I just don’t get it.

Dumbo or not, I am disillusioned, I do not trust our government. I reckon the average housewife who manages a normal household budget could do a better job with Australia’s finances than Swan and Gillard, and I don’t think I’m the only one who feels this way.

So, come on Julia Gillard, how about this.

Admit it, be honest for once, and tell us that your government was fully responsible for the stuff ups listed above, almost everything you did in fact.

Admit that your government, your treasurer, Wayne Swan, is either so stupid that he simply didn’t know that we would not be able to repay the huge debt you have gotten us in to or he knew and he lied to us all.

Admit, that you knew full well that the Rudd stimulus package played no part in saving Australia from the Big Bad GFC. Rather the fact that the wolves were kept from our door because Australia is mineral rich and China has maintained demand for our raw materials.

Admit, either your absolute lack of knowledge and lack of scientific evidence and that you have unintentionally misled the Australian public or:

Admit that the only reason you want a Carbon Tax is because you need more revenue now so that it will have all blown over by the time the next election comes around and so give you time to try and make yourself look good and that you intentionally misled the Australian public.

Admit that you are a puppet to the Greens and have no idea what you are talking about. Come of Julia Gillard, spit it out.

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If you don't think we are being conned, have a listen to Professor Carter.

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