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In an article "Sidestep on energy wedges ALP" The Australian, July 30, 2021, the comment is made that "Scott Morrison has wedged Anthony Albanese by allowing the Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA) to bankroll low emissions technologies – including carbon capture and storage ....."

Obviously, this decision is part of the PM's move toward net-zero emissions of Carbon Dioxide (CO2) by 2050.

For your interest, I enclose "CNI FACT SHEET - CARBON DIOXIDE (CO2)" which demonstrates, irrefutably, that CO2 is necessary for plant, animal and human life on Earth; further that the World needs more CO2 not less.

The Fact Sheet also shows that the level of CO2 in the atmosphere of the Earth has, virtually, no effect on the temperature of the Earth. This is confirmed by a number of peer reviewed scientific papers. One such paper showed that "doubling CO2 in the atmosphere to 800ppm will have negligible effect on the temperature of the Earth." (Ref Dr W Happer, Cyrus Fogg Brackett Professor of Physics, Emeritus, at Princeton University and former Science Advisor to the President of the United States on the National Security Council.)

Adjacent to the above article was another "Climate change models just too hot to handle" which opens with "Leading climate scientists conceded that models used to estimate how much the world will warm with rising levels of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere are running too hot."

It is the predictions from these models, particularly by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) that has caused major alarm and driven, foolishly, the pursuit of "net-zero emissions of CO2 by 2050" across the World.

These false, alarmist predictions, very largely by the IPCC, have given rise to a remarkable financial power and green power alliance, leading to much unnecessary environmental, social and governance (ESG) activity which is proving very costly and frustrating to business.

Central Banks around the World are directing banks to ensure they give unnecessary consideration to climate change risks when assessing loan applications from major miners and producers. I say unnecessary because the CO2 emissions component of the ESG is scientifically false

ESG and the war on coal, other fossil fuels and carbon taxes have caused and are causing huge damage to world business for no gain and unwarranted community anxiety for young and old.

This must be stopped.

We therefore question why the Australian Government, through ARENA, spends hundreds of millions of taxpayers' dollars for no worthwhile purpose.

As Australia's Chief Scientist, can you please inform us who advises the Government to pursue a net-zero emissions policy and do you accept the scientific validity of the Fact Sheet CO2 enclosed and the peer reviewed paper by Professor Happer mentioned above?

Many thanks

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