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Australia has gone from around the lowest electricity costs in the World to around the highest. The reason is Australia's head-long rush into 'renewables' driven by billions of dollars annually in taxpayer funded subsidies aimed to achieve Australia's commitment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to 26-28 per cent below 2005 levels by 2030.

The result is that Australian businesses have closed down or gone offshore resulting in a loss of industries and a loss of jobs with Australia's manufacturing industry falling to 179<sup>th</sup> in the World , a mere 5.8% of the economy.

The Liberals/Nationals Coalition Government is now seeking ways to move towards net zero emissions of CO2 by 2050 with a commitment now of taxpayer funds of \$1million plus for so-called green Hydrogen energy and Carbon Capture and storage. There will be \$billions more to support the priority technologies foreshadowed in the Government's Technology Investment Road Map plus the \$10 billion for Snowy 2 pumped hydro.

**These initiatives will not reduce the temperature of the Earth and will not push energy costs down to the level where Australia can become internationally competitive again.**

CNI has provided Minister Hon Angus Taylor with proven scientific evidence that the World needs more emissions, that is, more CO2 in the atmosphere NOT less. Atmospheric CO2 is necessary for plant, animal and human life on Earth and is currently at near starvation levels. Moreover CO2 does not warm the Earth. It is futile for the Government to subsidise any technologies to reduce emissions of CO2. The enclosed "FACT SHEET – CARBON DIOXIDE (CO2)" which has never been refuted by any scientist, academic or anyone at all, elaborates on this issue and outlines how Australia can drive down electricity prices to regain international competitiveness.

CNI has demonstrated to Prime Minister, Hon Scott Morrison, indisputably, that **the concept of net-zero emissions of CO2 is scientifically flawed and for Australia is economically unsustainable.**

Impeccably credentialed New York University Scientist Steven Koonin, who was President Barack Obama's Chief Scientist, has documented in his recent digitally published book "Unsettled" that ***"Leaders talk about existential threat, climate emergency, disaster, crisis, but in fact, when you actually read the literature, there is no support for that kind of hysteria at all."*** and ***"The science is insufficient to make useful projections about how the climate will change in coming decades, much less what effect humans will have on it."***

USA President Joe Biden is threatening economic sanctions on Australia and other nations to pressure Australia and these other nations more actively pursue net zero emissions by 2050. When these threats are added to the breakdown in many international supply chains such as life-saving

drugs, caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, it is clear that Australia has become vulnerable to the failed Free Trade Globalisation philosophy of the past 40 years.

Add to this the serious breaches by China of some of its Agreements with Australia and it is imperative that Australia must take firm, positive steps to again become a safe, secure, self-supported sovereign nation.

What Australia needs to do is:

1. Abandon the drive for net zero emissions and withdraw from the Paris Agreement.
2. Publish repeatedly, on a whole community wide basis, from school children to the elderly, the facts of CO2 and the fact that there is no climate emergency and thus reduce the level of anxiety displayed by school aged children, particularly and the community, generally.
3. Phase out all of the renewables subsidies and the various Climate Change bodies. 4. Restructure the range of energy governing bodies to one body committed to achieving the lowest electricity prices in the World with secure grid reliability.
5. Abandon the Snowy 2 Scheme and use the \$10billion saved with the other \$billions of annual renewables subsidy savings to construct two clean coal technology coal fired power stations, initially and progressively more as needed subsequently, to drive down Australia's electricity prices to the lowest in the World and to provide an initial step to achieve up to 20 gigawatts of reliable power to back up renewables over the next 20 years.
6. Take all steps necessary to rebuild Australia's manufacturing industries including attracting those that have gone off shore to return with the objective of restoring Australia to a safe, secure, self-sufficient sovereign nation. To this end, we commend the National Party's recently published policy paper "*Australian Manufacturing 2035*" which sets out a credible plan to very significantly increase Australia's manufacturing industries over the next 15 years. Most importantly, the plan includes a strategy to protect Australia's strategic industries, including defence production, where subsidies in other countries have an adverse impact on Australia's ability to develop strategic industries.
7. Totally overhaul the unemployed and underemployed cohorts and the trade training system with the objective of training and retraining thus using as much Australian labour as possible to rebuild Australia's manufacturing industry.

Nations with whom Australia has supportive relations will not welcome a decision to abandon net – zero emissions but the Australian Government has an obligation to rebuild Australia as a safe, self-supported, sovereign nation.

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