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As a member of the Liberal Party who also will not vote for an Emission Trading Scheme (ETS) whatever its format, I have an answer to John Piper regarding alternative solutions to carbon emissions, which unlike the ETS will guarantee both energy efficiency and emissions reductions.

I will vote against the ETS because it is a process by which the Government sells or gifts certificates to pollute and confirms, through its admission that electricity and fuel charges will rise, that polluters in these categories will continue to pollute, pay the cost and pass on the cost to every day consumers.

Worse, as exposed in Treasury modelling, polluters can buy their certificates from overseas destinations such as China who will achieve their surplus through the construction of nuclear power stations and energy efficient power transmission.

Like all members of the Coalition I supported the Renewable Energy Target (RET) legislation which, though poorly drafted, identifies the need for alternative energy solutions that actually reduce emissions. In this regard I have long been an advocate of the tidal resources of the Kimberley which I refer to as 'Greenhouse with Grunt'.

The most necessary initiative however is for Government funding, possibly \$4 to \$5 billion, to interconnect our low emission capacity, commencing with connecting gas with high voltage DC (HVDC) lines.

This could reduce the emissions associated with the Dampier Bunbury gas pipeline by approximately 200,000 tonnes per annum as a one off example.

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