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Green paper – not green

ACT Greens MLA Deb Foskey has condemned the Rudd Government's Green Paper as not really green.

"People who voted for Labor federally in the belief that it would be much better on climate change than the Coalition must be feeling betrayed today," said Deb Foskey.

"It was obvious that the Howard Government was captive to the Greenhouse Mafia – today it became clear that the Rudd Government has also fallen under its spell."

"Indeed, it looks as though we will be paying the biggest polluters with big handouts – which is hardly an incentive for them to radically reduce their emissions."

"The last of our old growth forests not in national parks can still be clear-felled and shipped overseas as woodchips; aluminium smelters and brown coal power plants have nothing to fear."

"I am really sorry that we didn't learn anything from the European Emissions Scheme which was an early failure. And why have we never discussed a carbon tax?"

"It looks to me like the Rudd Government has proposed a scheme that it knows the Coalition Senators can accept, because there is no way the Greens Senators could support the Greenhouse Mafia's agenda when it comes to the vote" Dr Foskey said today.

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