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Defeated Emissions Trading Scheme legislation saves jobs: Liberal Senator

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Today's defeat of Rudds Emissions Trading Scheme will save thousands of W.A. jobs particularly in the mining industry according to Senator Alan Eggleston

The Minerals Council of Australia has said that 125,000 jobs could have been lost in the mining sector Australia wide if Rudd's flawed scheme had passed.

“Small to medium sized businesses would also have been devastated by the Labor CPRS” said Senator Eggleston.

WA farmers and people living in regional WA will be spared the devastating cost impact of the Labor Party CPRS, price increases due to increased fuel and electricity charges will be avoided.

“The CPRS was grandiose and out of proportion to Australia’s role in the world, considering that Australia only produces 1% of global emissions” Senator Eggleston said, adding that the only beneficiaries would have been the bankers and financial traders.

The CPRS would have been an orphan trading scheme with no trading partners.

None of Australia’s top 5 trading partners in China, Japan, South Korea, India plan having ETS’ so the Australian public would have been left to carry the annual tax burden in excess of \$50 billion by themselves.

Tony Abbott has said that the Coalition will put forward an alternative model to reduce carbon emissions in the New Year.

Senator Eggleston said that he did not believe that there would be a double dissolution on this issue because the Prime Minister knows that the Australian people understand that this massive tax will cost jobs, increase prices and do nothing to reduce emissions, and was a fraud.

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