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Senator Alan Eggleston

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Chair of the Senate Economics References Committee**

Carbon tax bad for families and business: Senator Eggleston

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Average Australians will pay more for everything as a result of Julia Gillard's broken election promise that "there will be no carbon tax," according to Chair of the Senate Economics References Committee, Senator Alan Eggleston.

Senator Eggleston said the carbon tax will mean increased costs for electricity and therefore, higher prices for consumer goods across the board.

"The cost of everyday living will shoot up — everything from food in our supermarkets to sporting goods, furniture and electrical equipment. Nothing will be left untouched by this tax," Senator Eggleston said.

"Families in regional Australia in particular will find household budgets stretched to the limit as their power bills and petrol prices continue to climb."

Families will have to pay \$300 more for power each year and at least six cents a litre more on petrol.

Senator Eggleston said the Labor/ Gillard carbon tax would also intensify the unfair competitive advantages that overseas businesses hold over Australians.

"The new energy costs are an attack on households and small and medium businesses, and a complete back flip on what was promised at the 2010 election."

This sentiment was echoed by The Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ACCI), who said the planned carbon tax and subsequent emissions trading scheme is a blow for the competitiveness of Australian business.

ACCI analysis of manufacturing companies show profitable businesses becoming loss making under the energy price increases assumed in the 2009 CPRS, which will undoubtedly be the outcome of this carbon tax .

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