



Media Release

Senator Alan Eggleston

Liberal Senator for Western Australia

Watered down tax still bad for WA: Eggleston

3rd July 2010

Be it a renamed or watered down version of the “Super Profits” tax, Prime Minister Gillard should not be congratulated for imposing a tax on miners that will see Australia’s competitive advantage diminished, says Western Australian Senator Alan Eggleston.

“What we have seen here is a \$12 billion tax grab turned into a \$10.5 billion tax grab and somehow Australians are expected to buy the Labor spin that this has miraculously turned a bad policy into a good policy for our nation,” said Senator Eggleston.

“Over the past few months we have witnessed a reckless Government trash our international reputation with this huge new tax that will undermine our competitiveness and increase our sovereign risk – it was unthinkable just a few months ago to link this term with Australia.

“The reality is this Government needed to implement this new tax to fill the budgetary black hole left by their ill conceived policies which resulted in wasteful spending, such as the failed bungled home insulation scheme, not to mention Prime Minister Gillard’s own fiasco, the extensively rorted and mismanaged Building the Education Revolution program,” said Senator Eggleston.

Senator Eggleston said that it appeared as though the Labor Party has attempted to try and fool the Australian people into believing all of the policy trash has been taken out along with ex-Prime Minister Rudd.

“The problem of bad Governance will not go away simply by changing the Prime Minister, as we all know that this Government has been run by the ‘gang of four’, who have been complicit in making all of the bad policy decisions we have witnessed since 2007,” said Senator Eggleston.

“It is a stretch to try and have the Australian people believe all of the poor decisions made by this Government were as a result of Rudd’s leadership and that the other cabinet members have clean hands.

“History will show that the only way to get Australia back on track after a Labor Government is to elect the Coalition – the only Party who are experienced and responsible enough to lead this great country,” said Senator Eggleston.

-Ends-

Media Contact: David De Garis Ph. (08) 9368 6633 Mob. 0412577567 david.degaris@aph.gov.au