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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Letter to the Editor – Copenhagen outcome vindicates Liberal stance on Labor’s great big tax**

If Australia had gone to the Copenhagen climate change summit with a legislated position to cut emissions there would have been no difference in the outcome of those talks.

It would be the height of arrogance for Prime Minister Kevin Rudd to suggest otherwise and I note even Ross Garnaut said Australia’s position was “never going to be decisive”.

The Liberal stance on Labor’s proposed Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme has been vindicated and the question I asked when the Bill was being debated recently is now more valid than ever.

Why should Australia pass such legislation in the absence of matching commitments from our competitors in the global marketplace?

The fact is Labor’s great big tax would disadvantage Australian industry and cost working families.

Action on climate change is necessary, but should not come at the expense of Australian jobs.

Good intentions do not put food on the table; they do not allow families to pay off a mortgage or to send their kids to university.

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