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Gillard lonely on carbon tax

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“It must be feeling awfully lonely at the top for Julia Gillard today,” WA Senator Alan Eggleston said, after it was reported that the union boss who helped Gillard oust Kevin Rudd has vowed to withdraw support immediately if even “one job” was lost under her carbon price scheme.

Australian Workers Union secretary Paul Howes made the promise after it became clear that a great majority of compensation will be geared towards low income earners, rather than Australian industries.

“Families and households need to be a priority, however if the Gillard Government continues to ignore the plight of industry, they will move overseas to China where, ironically, electricity generation is much dirtier,” Senator Eggleston said.

In 2009, the Minerals Council of Australia said Rudd’s failed CPRS “would have cost thousands of jobs and billions of dollars of investment in regional and remote Australia, while failing to materially reduce global greenhouse gas levels.”

“The same can be said for Gillard’s revamped Carbon Tax Scheme. The fact is, Australian jobs are not safe,” Senator Eggleston said.

“Families and households will end up paying a carbon tax — they will pay with a higher cost of living, and potentially with their jobs.”

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