

What's The Policy? (Letter published in The Age, 17 Sept 2017)

Malcolm Turnbull may have indicated a sensible new approach of trying to keep coal-fired generators in business for at least another 10 years, but the electorate needs a detailed explanation of what exactly is the current energy policy.

One possible component would be to reduce Australia's voluntary emissions target of 26-28 per cent by 2030 set in Paris in 2015. Better would be a rate more consistent with that of our new defence ally, South Korea, or Russia's. Both these target a decrease of about 10 per cent, which should be achievable through increased efficiency rather than the economically damaging emissions reductions we now target.

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