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A BETRAYAL OF TRUST

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The passage of the Labor/Greens carbon tax through the Senate represents a low point in relations between politicians and ordinary Australians.

“The Prime Minister promised before the last election that she wouldn’t introduce a carbon tax,” says Shadow Environment Minister, Peter Chandler.

“Today’s Senate vote marks a significant break-down in the compact between elected representatives and Australians that requires political leaders to tell the truth.

“Without trust, there’s nothing much left.

“Julia Gillard uses the hung Parliament as an excuse for the back-flip, but the carbon tax is a betrayal of significance that will have a far reaching impact on the economy and on individual prosperity.

“She should have done the honorable thing and taken the carbon tax issue to an election instead of following policies of the Greens to railroad it through Parliament.

“Chief Minister Paul Henderson has been caught up in the Prime Minister’s web of deceit, when he first promised not to support the carbon tax if it left Territorians ‘worse off’ – and then reneged.

“Commentators say up to 30% of households will be ‘worse off’ under the tax, but the Chief Minister has put his loyalty to the Federal Labor Party ahead of loyalty to the Northern Territory.

“Australians neither want nor need another tax and it should be struck out as soon as possible.”

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