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CARBON PLAN MUST NOT SHORT CHANGE TERRITORIANS

The Chief Minister, Paul Henderson, said today’s announcement by the Prime Minister that a carbon price would be introduced next year was a positive step in tackling climate change but must not come at a higher cost to Territorians.

“It’s positive to see the Federal Government taking action to deal with climate change through the introduction of a carbon price from July next year,” Mr Henderson said.

“The biggest emitters of carbon in the nation are the dirty brown coal fired power stations on the eastern seaboard.”

“Twenty-five years ago, the Territory moved to much cleaner, gas fired power stations – we shouldn’t be penalised because other parts of the country have been slow to follow.”

“I won’t sign up to a scheme that leaves Territory families worse off because southern states have failed to adopt cleaner, greener forms of power generation like we have in the Territory.

“We also want to make sure appropriate measures are put in place to ensure our export industries maintain their international competitiveness.”

Mr Henderson also said he was pleased the carbon price would not apply to the agricultural sector.

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