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Climate Commission visit welcomed

This week's visit to Port Macquarie of the prestigious Climate Commission has been welcomed by local climate change and energy group, Climate Change Australia (CCA).

CCA president Harry Creamer said the Commission would contribute to community understanding of climate change, its causes, impacts, and solutions.

"The Commission was established to raise awareness about climate change and ways to tackle it. That makes it very similar at a national level to our own group at a local level", Mr Creamer said.

"The Commission wants to hear people's questions and concerns. We predict they will include confusion and anxiety about the nature and extent of climate change created by the current fear and misinformation campaign", he said.

"83 per cent of Australians want the government to make clean energy cheaper and quicker through solar, geothermal and wind power. Support is strongest in rural areas which benefit by having these renewable energy resources. This can only be paid for by putting a price on pollution, which also gives industry an incentive to change to cleaner production".

The Climate Commission is one of three approaches adopted by the Gillard government – the others are the Multi Party Committee on Climate Change and the involvement of Professor Ross Garnaut to re-write his 2008 report and advise the Committee.

"We are fortunate to have Rob Oakeshott on the Committee, at the leading edge of policy development on this issue, and he is making a great contribution", Mr Creamer said.

"Whatever the climate change deniers say, we have to face up to the challenge of climate change before it's too late. That means cutting back on carbon pollution caused by burning fossil fuels. The cheapest and most cost-effective way to do this is through the free market, not free hand outs to polluters", he said.

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The polling quoted in paragraph 5 was commissioned by the Australian Conservation Foundation and conducted by AusPoll in June and September 2010.

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