Survey Submission Confirmation: Review of the load-based licensing scheme

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It is imperative that the coal industry be reviewed to identify the numerous pollutants it contributes to the environment and have them included as assessable under the scheme. It is well noted that the extraction, transportation, and combustion of coal releases a variety of dangerous particulate and aqueous pollution types - poisoning the atmosphere, our water resources, and the soil. It is inconsistent for the coal industry to be considered as a listed activity under the scheme yet face no ramifications for the pollutants it is responsible for.

Furthermore, the 'polluter pays' principle needs to be applied in order to adequately address the core functions of the scheme - the cost imposed on polluting is greater than the cost of pollution abatement, and the cost imposed on pollution removes the burden for abatement funded by tax payers.

Additionally, without a price on carbon (which is absolutely absurd given the amount of scientific consensus relating to climate change and the dangers of green house gases), carbon dioxide and methane should be included as assessable pollutants under the scheme - with all industries responsible for emissions facing the financial penalty to create the incentive to reduce emissions.

Kind Regards,

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