




Speech by  
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## **BEAUDESERT ELECTORATE, CARBON TAX**

 **Mr KRAUSE** (Beaudesert—LNP) (2.46 pm): It is the last sitting week of this financial year for this place. It is also the last sitting week before the carbon tax commences on 1 July. Whilst I am sure that accountants of all persuasions in all places like to have 30 June parties each year to celebrate the end of their year, in my electorate of Beaudesert I do not think there will be too many accountants celebrating this year—in particular, not the accountants for two businesses to which I will refer later. There are many businesses in my electorate that are deeply concerned about the impact of the carbon tax on jobs. It is a tax on jobs and a tax on prosperity and the competitiveness of industry in this country. It will cost jobs. In an international economy where all of our industries are competing with overseas markets and overseas competitors, it is a tax on the very livelihoods of those people.

In my electorate of Beaudesert there is a state development area to be known as the Bromelton Industrial Area, which has private investors ready to invest as soon as the state finishes the planning scheme for it. The industries that will be placed in that area include many industries where there are a lot of international competitors—storage space, industrial plants and other industries which are exposed. Putting a carbon tax on those industries will take away from the economic benefit which the Bromelton industrial estate would otherwise bring to the town of Beaudesert and the electorate of Beaudesert as a whole. This carbon tax which the Labor Party in Canberra has brought in is a tax on jobs. It cannot credibly claim to be trying to create more jobs in Australia when it brings in taxes like this which reduce the competitiveness of all Australian businesses.

I table an article from the *Beaudesert Times* yesterday—Wednesday, 20 June.

*Tabled paper:* Article from the *Beaudesert Times*, dated 20 June 2012, titled 'Region braces for tax' [384].

The *Beaudesert Times* is a great local paper with a dedicated editorial team and journalists. The article I table is titled 'Region braces for tax' and tells the story of two animal-rendering plants—one that creates gelatine and one that produces fertiliser. According to the general manager of Gelita, which produces gelatine, their business is going to suffer significantly because they have invested in emission-reducing technology, therefore, taking them out of the realms of the assistance package created by the federal government. The federal government is penalising people who have reduced their emissions.

**Mr Crandon:** That is a shameful act.

**Mr KRAUSE:** It is shameful that people who have reduced their emissions are being penalised by this tax.

I also refer to AJ Bush and Sons, who are in the top 500 polluters and might have been able to access compensation, except the federal government has not yet got the data together to actually put compensation in place. Not only have they introduced this tax, they have not managed to put it together correctly.

*(Time expired)*