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CIOBO WRONG ON CLIMATE CHANGE

In Question Time today the Member for Moncrieff, Steven Ciobo, further demonstrated that the Opposition is more interested in fear than facts when it comes to tackling climate change.

Mr Ciobo confused the wholesale electricity price - which reflects the cost of generating electricity - with the retail price paid for electricity by households and other small consumers such as small to medium enterprises and community organisations.

To quote the wholesale price is misleading and shows a complete lack of understanding of how electricity prices work.

Further to this, community groups like the Nottinghill Pinewood Tennis Club will be eligible for support from the Government's \$1.97 billion Climate Change Action Fund.

The Government is providing up to \$200 million in 2009/10 through the Climate Change Action Fund to help industries, small businesses, community groups, workers and communities prepare for the introduction of the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme.

These early action activities include:

- Up to \$20m for a business information package;
- Up to \$100m on energy efficiency strategies, including energy audits, investment and information programs;
- Up to \$80m on capital investment grants for businesses and community organisations.

Mr Abbott's climate con job contains no such plan to assist community groups.

Mr Abbott thinks climate change is 'absolute crap' and his climate con job reflects that view.

Mr Abbott's climate con job costs more, does less and is unfunded.