



A sensible Plan B will help us through changes

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GEOFF Carmody says “We need a new policy base” for climate change (“An ETS won’t cut it in this climate”, 17/3).

We surely do, and not only for the economic and political reasons that he states.

Rather, it has long been apparent on science grounds that the IPCC’s Plan A, to try to prevent a hypothetical global warming by reducing CO2 emissions, was a dead parrot.

As Mr Carmody points out, it hasn’t worked via the Kyoto protocol, and it won’t work based on the Government’s ETS.

In the bushfires and floods that we suffered last month, Australia has had its very own Hurricane Katrina wake-up call—which is that actual, natural climate events are a deadly hazard in their own right.

The Plan B that Mr Carmody seeks is therefore one of better understanding of, preparation for, and response to dangerous natural climate events and change.

Such a Plan B will also prepare Australia to cope with human-caused climate change, should any eventuate, in a cost-effective way.

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