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[Leadership up for grabs](#) . Opposition Leader Brendan Nelson tonight said he would be calling a spill of the leadership of the Liberal party tomorrow morning. **In a statement tonight, Dr Nelson said that he would be recontesting the leadership. In his statement, Dr Nelson said if he was reendorsed as leader he would be the asking to draw a line in the sand and mark a transition for the Liberals. Emerging from the hastily convened Liberal party room meeting tonight, Dr Nelson said he was confident of having the support of his colleagues. "But as we move forward, I am asking our party to draw a line in the sand and mark a transition from the difficult aftermath of an election defeat to the building and presentation of a credible, attractive and inspiring alternative government. "If I am reendorsed as leader, I will remain absolutely determined and committed to the future of our party and Australia."** he said in the statement." With former treasurer Peter Costello last week ruling out taking on the Liberal leadership, speculation has been rife that aspirant Malcolm Turnbull would challenge Dr Nelson sooner or later. **"In doing so, we will make a renewed commitment to unity and discipline, to focus less on internal preoccupations and more on the Rudd government, policy and the important issues concerning everyday Australians. Arriving in Canberra after a week-long holiday in Italy, Mr Turnbull said he would not talk about the leadership. Mr Turnbull, who lost the leadership ballot to Dr Nelson by just three votes after last November's election loss, remained mum this morning on the possibility of a leadership spill. Dr Nelson said millions of Australians were counting on the coalition to hold the government to account. "I've got nothing to say about leadership matters," Mr Turnbull told reporters as they pursued him through Canberra airport. Dr Nelson's leadership has been plagued by poor opinion polls since he won the close fought ballot against Mr Turnbull, the opposition treasury spokesperson. "I am asking my colleagues to make a renewed commitment to do just that," he said. While Mr Costello, who releases his memoirs tomorrow, has ruled out a challenge for the leadership, he has given no indication of when he will exit politics, leaving open the prospect that he could still be drafted into the top job. This year his leadership has been further undermined by continuing speculation over Mr Costello's future plans."** . Asked tonight if he was confident he had the support of his colleagues, Dr Nelson said: "Very

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Gunther told the Sydney Morning Herald that he had run out of his office close to the harbour, fearing an attack. The Boeing 707 made a full circuit of the city's high-rise central business district and harbour, escorted by a Hawk 127 fighter. There were some scared and bewildered people on the streets and I was one of them. "It seems I wasn't the only one with the same idea. "It would have been nice to know that this incident was planned - rather than look out your window and see a passenger plane heading straight for your building," she said. Suzie Brook, who saw the planes from the 28th floor of her office, described it as terrifying." Phillipa Kelly, who works close to the harbour, said the noise of the planes stopped work at her office. "It was terrifying. "There's this big passenger plane that has come very close to our building, and it has a fighter plane following it. "It came very close to the building and we all stopped and said: 'Oh my God! What was that noise?'" she said." Office workers had no cause for alarm, said government spokesman, Raveena Carroll-Kenney. "The [passenger] plane had a massive plume of smoke and was losing altitude really quickly.. But Mr Gunther said: "To think that seeing a Boeing 707 being tailed by a fighter jet flying at low altitude . wasn't going to cause concern is deplorable.. I have never felt quite so scared. "In this age of terrorism the defence force should have known better."

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[Sydney should be 'carbon trading hub'](#) .New South Wales is calling on the Federal Government to make Sydney the base for the National Carbon Market. The State Government says Sydney should be the hub for carbon trading once the emissions trading scheme is up and running. "Not a lot of [people](#) are aware but the [Greenhouse](#) Gas Abatement Scheme, which

was introduced in 2003, was one of the world's first mandatory [greenhouse](#) gas emissions trading schemes," she said. The Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Verity Firth, says the state is an ideal base." Ms Firth says she will be lobbying for NSW to be the base and regulator of the industry. "It was run in NSW, has been running for the last four or five years and means that we now have a significant cluster of energy companies, financial service providers, law firms. "They'll be advising us on what we can do to help secure the hub for Sydney. "We are establishing a taskforce in NSW and we'll be including representatives of the business community, who have a strong interest in the new carbon economy," she said. We have a well established finance sector and experience in carbon trading. "I mean naturally we do believe that Sydney has the natural advantages."

[Emissions trading scheme slugs consumers: Nelson](#) .The Federal Opposition has accused the Government of **slugging consumers with more taxes and higher costs through its proposed emissions trading scheme and will not support a 2010 start-up date. Opposition Leader Brendan Nelson says the cost of petrol, groceries and electricity will be pushed further up under the proposed Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme, released by Climate Change Minister Penny Wong today. "He [Kevin Rudd] hasn't yet dealt with the cost of living pressures and now he wants [Australians](#) to take him on trust to do something after the next election," he [said](#). Dr Nelson [says](#) the Government has not properly considered the economic impacts of such a scheme. Dr Nelson has also criticised the Government's plan to match higher petrol costs caused by the scheme cent for cent by cutting the fuel tax. Senator Wong says the Government is committed to covering the costs which would be passed onto consumers after the implementation of the scheme, in which businesses must buy a permit to pollute. The Coalition's policy to lower fuel was to make a permanent five cent cut to the fuel excise. However, Senator Penny Wong has admitted that the cut would be reviewed after three years. "When Mr Rudd says he's going to review the excise cut in three years, in plain language that means that after three years he's going to take the excise cut away. "What he's asking Australians to do is to trust him to cut the excise to offset the new carbon tax until after the next election, but he's not going as far as the Coalition and taking an extra five cents off the excise," Dr Nelson said." Dr Nelson says the Government should also be seeking a firm commitment from major emitters, such as the US, China and India to lower pollution, however he said under a Coalition government the scheme would still go ahead in 2012 regardless. "That's Rudd speak for doing something that he really doesn't want Australians to know before the next election. - Energy supplies - Coal-fired power generators will be eligible for compensation once the emissions trading scheme is implemented in 2010, and 20 per cent of polluters will have free emissions permits. He has also warned that jobs may be lost in emissions intensive industries but the Energy sector has welcomed the green paper. "The Government is seeking to ensure a gradual industry transition which avoids the need for sudden large scale capacity before sufficient replacement capacity can be installed, and so ensures that reliability of supply will be maintained, and we welcome that," he said. John Boshier from the National Generators Forum says the measures outlined in the Green Paper will secure energy supplies. "The whole point of an emissions trading system was to send a price signal to the market so that people change their investment decisions and change their behaviour," she said. But the Greens' Environment spokeswoman Christine Milne has accused the Government of playing politics and says the compensation measures listed in the Government's discussion paper contradict the aim of lowering carbon emissions. "What they've done is move from the polluter pays principle to the polluter gets paid principle. "In every single sector that the Government has nominated they have rushed to compensate, to neutralise the impact of the price signal. "Minister Wong used the word transformation many times in her speech and yet they have put no driver, no signal in that package, that will lead to transformation of the Australian economy to low carbon," she said." Senator Milne has also described the scheme as a further blow to Australia's renewable energy sector. Campaigner Simon Roz says the bigger trade exposed companies should not receive free**

pollution permits. Greenpeace says the Government's discussion paper is pandering to the interests of big business. "What this simply says to industry is that you can actively block efforts to implement a price on carbon and then simply cry foul at the end and demand compensation from the Government this will be a very big win for industry. "What this simply says to industry is that you can actively block efforts to implement a price on carbon and then simply cry foul at the end and demand compensation from the Government this will be a very big win for industry." - Economic impact - John Conner of the Climate Change Institute says while it is good that low income households will be protected there are other areas of concern in the paper. "What's not so great and not so clear is the fact that we'll be ripping billions of dollars out of the climate action fund through this petrol excise reduction," he said. "What's also not great is that we're unclear about what assistance will be given to our neighbouring developing countries to clean-up their development which is so critical to the fight against climate change but also to the future of economic prosperity here in Australia." Economists say the effort to reduce carbon emissions will suffer as a result of the Government's plan to protect motorists by lowering the fuel excise. A senior economist with ANZ, Julie Toth, says that will keep fuel prices at around the level they would have been without the scheme. "What this is going to do is reduce the effectiveness of the scheme in terms of changing people's behaviour with fuel use," she said. "The scheme is essentially a price mechanism and although it's good for households and for household budgets that the fuel excise will be reduced a little bit, it's not good at an aggregate level in terms of trying to reduce our carbon dioxide emissions." She says it is estimated that the cost of petrol would rise by between 10 and 15 per cent under a scheme. "I do have concerns that the excise-offsets, if they continue long-term, beyond those one-year and three-year review periods will dull the effect of the emissions trading scheme in reducing carbon," Ms Toth said. The Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry's spokesman Greg Evans says the detail provided in the green paper is welcome. But he says much more information is needed for businesses to properly assess the impacts of the carbon trading scheme. "We still await the Treasury modelling which disappointingly won't be available to business until as we understand it, until October," he said. "Critical aspects of that Treasury modelling will indeed be the economy-wide implications of an emissions trading scheme and also particular compliance costs that will be faced by Australian businesses." Reserve Bank Governor Glenn Stevens says careful thought will be required on how to respond to the inflationary impact of the emissions trading scheme. "The issue here's going to be that if it's a one-time change, you can think of it as a little bit like we treated the GST, it was a one-time effect," he said. "We looked through that, and focused on how inflation was going to look once it had passed. "If it's a one-time change, you can do that. "The slight complexity with climate change might be that it's a whole sequence of somewhat smaller changes over a run of years, and there will need to be some careful thought given to how we would treat that when the time comes. But that's a way off yet."

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[Nursing home deaths: Old food blamed for outbreak](#) .Health authorities believe a food-borne illness caused a gastroenteritis outbreak at a Blue Mountains nursing home, during which 10 elderly people died. More than 80 people were struck down by gastroenteritis at the Endeavour Nursing Home in June. "Certainly, some of those deaths seem unrelated in that they didn't have any diarrhoea at all," he said. [New](#) South Wales Health communicable diseases director Jeremy McAnulty says some of the 10 deaths during the period appear unrelated to the outbreak but it cannot be ruled out as a contributing factor. "But we can't rule out that some deaths in the frail people, on top of their underlying condition, having diarrhoea may have contributed to that, so we don't know that for sure. "Others were [people](#) who did have some diarrhoea that seemed to have gone away before they died of some other reason. "We have found toxin that's commonly found in food-borne outbreaks that's called clostridium perfringens," he said." Food Authority inspectors have given the nursing home the all clear and Dr McAnulty says there is no ongoing risk." . "That's a toxin produced by bacteria that's found in food after it's been sitting around for a while, so that plus the nature of the outbreak - that sudden sharp increase and it going away - all adds up to a food-borne outbreak

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[PM to consider Indigenous rights recognition in Constitution](#) .Former Australian of the Year Galarrwuy Yunupingu has presented Prime Minister Kevin Rudd with a petition calling for full recognition of Indigenous rights in the [Australian](#) Constitution. Mr Rudd is in Arnhem Land with his Cabinet colleagues for community meetings. Mr Rudd has agreed to start a consultation process about Aboriginal recognition in the Constitution. Mr Yunupingu has given him the metre-long petition calling for the Aboriginal clans of Arnhem Land to have full use of all land and water of the area. "The feel of the nation and the country has to be carefully consulted because it's a very sensitive area," he said. Mr Yunupingu says that is a necessary step. "It's not even sovereignty, it's not even this and that. "It's not land grab, it's not hurting anyone, it's not chasing anybody." Mr Yunupingu also raised concerns about the federal intervention. "It's just simply give us a life that we want to live but to the full, to the full rights. Earlier Mr Rudd said he wanted more Aboriginal communities to team up with major companies to help close the life expectancy gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous [Australians](#). "I think people are getting sick and tired of what its doing to their lives," he said. "We will also give attention to comprehensive sensitive consultation with Indigenous communities about the most appropriate form and timing of constitutional [recognition](#)," he said. Mr Rudd says his first priority is to help close the life expectancy gap. . **Federal Cabinet will hold a meeting in Darwin tomorrow**

[Catholic Bishop's 'old wounds' comments slammed](#) .World Youth Day organiser Bishop Anthony Fisher has been criticised over the Church's response to a case of sexual abuse by a

Catholic priest in Melbourne. During a news conference today, Bishop Fisher said people were **"dwelling crankily on old wounds"**. **Last week the Archbishop of Sydney, Cardinal George Pell, was hoping the issue of sexual abuse by Catholic priests would not overshadow World Youth Day celebrations.** **His remark has enraged advocates for sex abuse victims.** **"Happily, I think most of Australia** was enjoying delighting in the beauty and goodness of these young people and the hope - the hope for us doing these sorts of things better in the future - as we saw last night, rather than, than dwelling crankily, as a few people are doing, on old wounds," he said. **But those hopes were dashed when Bishop Fisher was questioned about how the Church handled the sexual abuse of the two young sisters by their parish priest.** **"The Melbourne priest accused of raping Emma and Katie Foster was Father Kevin O'Donnell.** **"The Cardinal has lead in this, in the Church in this country; he tried to put in better and better processes to deal for these things so that we get it right. He died in 1997.** **He was never tried on the Foster case but was convicted for other child sex crimes in 1995 and sent to jail.** **Two years later he apologised to the Foster sisters and encouraged the family to enter the Towards Healing Program, which capped compensation payments at \$50,000.** **In 1996, George Pell was appointed Archbishop of Melbourne.** **The older sister went on to suffer from anorexia and drug abuse before she committed suicided earlier this year.** **The family rejected the offer, instead opting to pursue the Church through the courts for eight years.** **Their father, Anthony Foster, remains furious to how the Church and Cardinal Pell responded and in an interview to be aired on the ABC's Lateline program tonight, Mr Foster says the comments today from Bishop Fisher are beyond hurtful.** **The younger sister turned to alcohol, and now needs 24-hour care after being hit by a car.** **"It's astounding and if I hadn't heard his voice say it, I think I wouldn't have believed it.** **"It's unbelievable almost to hear a Bishop of the Church make comments like that about victims," Mr Foster said.** **"No limits, full and free flow of help to victims for the rest of their lives, because they will suffer for the rest of their lives.** **"We need an open ended arrangement to look after the victims of clergy sexual abuse.** **Helen Last from the group In Good Faith says the comments are insensitive and ill-informed."** **Advocates for abuse victims are appalled.** **"They are calling now for him to be reviewed in terms of what is his knowledge, why is he in such a position of power.** **"We've had non-stop calls from family members who are angry and distressed about this young Bishop's response," Ms Last said.** **"Anyone who has got any medical understanding would know that.** **"Anyone who has got any medical understanding would know that.** **"As a recent wound, in fact, old wounds cause more problems for a body than fresh wounds and they deserve just as much attention." Late today, Cardinal Pell defended his handling of the case and said his apology to the Foster family still stands.** **"I apologised to Emma in 1998. I met with her parents," he said.** **"Now we offered them some financial help.** **"We also offered them counselling for Emma and Emma availed herself of that counselling for 10 years and we contributed substantially towards those counselling costs.** **"It's a tragic case, in every sense of the word and I, I repeat my apologies."** **Adapted from a report by Emily Bourke for PM, July 16.**

lemma furious over WYD rail strike 'blackmail' .New South Wales Premier Morris Lemma has accused the Rail, Tram and Bus Union (RTBU) of trying to blackmail the State Government by calling a strike during World Youth Day (WYD). **The rail union says it is planning to stop work for 24 hours on Thursday next week, when Pope Benedict has several events planned in the CBD.** **"I want the RTBU to understand this message** and a very simple one," he said. **Mr Lemma says there is no justification for the action.** **"The threat to embarrass the state on one of the most important days in our recent history will not cut ice with the Government.** **"The Government will not be blackmailed into giving them what they want as a result of this industrial terror tactic.** **"Rail workers are very frustrated, they are very angry with the way they have been treated," he said."** **Nick Lewocki from the Rail, Tram and Bus Union has defended the decision to strike.** **The dispute will be heard before the Australian Industrial Relations Commission tomorrow**

[Court watches graphic video of Burnley tunnel crash](#) .A dramatic video of last year's fatal smash in **Melbourne's Burnley tunnel has been played in a Melbourne court room. The Citylink video shows** a truck with a flat tyre stopping in the left lane. A couple of minutes later, Mr **Micallef heard the screech of engine brakes. Truck driver Donald Micallef said he thought that was the safest place to pull over. The court was told other cars and trucks had slowed to 30 kilometres an hour but Mr Kalwig was travelling at more than twice that speed when he crashed. A truck driven by David Kalwig side-swiped two cars, sparking a chain reaction of ten accidents. David Kalwig is facing a committal hearing in the Melbourne Magistrates Court on three counts of culpable driving. Three drivers were killed in the ensuing fire. But the Magistrate has released the vision, saying while parts are graphic, it will not prejudice potential jurors. His lawyer fought against the release of the video saying it does not put into context other factors Mr Kalwig had to consider. The **committal hearing is expected to continue** for four days. The footage also shows a police car passing the broken down truck shortly before the accident, but the officer in the car told the court he did not think of stopping.**

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[Global resources demand not over yet: BHP chief](#) .The head of the world's largest miner, BHP **Billiton, says he is confident that thriving global demand for its resources will continue. BHP has posted an increase in profit of 15 per cent to \$17. Commodity prices have fallen sharply in the the previous month, which has prompted speculation over whether the mining boom is ending.6 billion for . But Mr Kloppers says the slowdown in China** appears

to be concentrated in its light manufacturing sector. It has also generated fears that China's demand for resources could be waning. "These sectors are by far the largest drivers of our resource demand. "For those economies that are in the heavy sectors, for those economies that are primarily driven by local investment and local consumption, we see strong performance and strong outlook," he said. "Look at the growing investment of capital investment pipeline that we continue to expand - that gives you the signals of how we feel about that material intensive growth in the developing world over many years," he said." He says he believes developing countries will continue to drive strong demand for resources.6 per cent to \$38. BHP Billiton's shares closed up 1.60.

[Fake cancer preacher admits porn addiction](#) .The father of a Christian preacher who falsely claimed to have cancer says anyone who gave money to his son will be able to get it back. Michael Guglielmucci faked having a terminal form of leukemia for two years while preaching to the Planetshakers group in Melbourne and Adelaide. His father, Daniel Guglielmucci, a founder of the Edge Church at Reynella, faced reporters earlier today. It is believed he received a number of donations for treatment for his fake illness, and even released a music single titled Healer. He said the church and his son are taking legal advice about the situation. He said his son was a sinner who must seek repentance, and might need to be sent overseas for treatment in a specialised clinic. In the statement, Michael Guglielmucci said he had been addicted to adult pornography for 16 years, apologised to those he had misled, and promised restitution. He then read a statement from his son to a packed congregation. The Australian Christian Churches is investigating the incident and says it is still deciding what form of discipline it will take. Michael Guglielmucci has been stood down by the Australian Christian Churches, formerly known as Assemblies of God. Mr Guglielmucci's lawyer says the preacher is receiving psychiatric treatment in Adelaide.

[Ecstasy drug gang accused face court](#) .Another six alleged members of the crime gang behind the world's biggest ecstasy bust last week have appeared in court. Two Victorians, a South Australian and a man from New South Wales were among the group arrested last Friday. Australian Federal Police believe last week's arrests have crippled the Australian arm of a global trafficking syndicate. Customs officers found more than 15 million ecstasy tablets hidden in tomato tins in June last year. They have been charged with serious drug-related offences and will return to court next March. Five of the men faced a Melbourne court today. The 31-year-old did not apply for bail when he appeared in Wagga Wagga Local Court today. Another man, Dominic Barbaro from Griffith in south-west NSW, has been charged with drug trafficking and will be extradited to Victoria. More than 20 people have now faced court over the drug haul. He has been remanded in custody to appear in the Melbourne Magistrate's Court tomorrow. Another Victorian man, who is allegedly linked to the crime network, also appeared in court today in relation to to a separate shipment of precursor drugs.

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[Job cuts 'the only solution' for Don](#) .Small goods manufacturer Don KRC says it has no choice but to cut 640 jobs to keep the company viable. In Melbourne, 420 jobs will go and 220 will be cut in Perth when the company closes two plants and relocates its manufacturing base to Castlemaine, in central Victoria, over the next two years. Chief executive Mel Sutton says the loss of \$80 million in the past nine years has forced the company's hand. The redundancies will begin in January. "In the end it became clear that the only solution

was to end manufacturing production here at Altona and at the Spearwood Western Australia site and move it to an expanded site in Castlemaine. "In the past few months we've investigated 20 different options to ensure the long-term viability and sustainability of the Don KRC business," he said. "If you are going to lose your job than I suppose this is the best time to do it, I'll just probably go to the mine or something like that I suppose," one worker said." Meanwhile, some Western Australian workers at the Don Smallgoods factory in Spearwood say they are not worried about their imminent lay off because of the state's buoyant job market. The union's Graham Bird says many of the employees are aged 50 and over and have been with the company for 30 years, He says it is important they receive every assistance. The meat workers union says it will negotiate further on the pay-outs on offer to staff made redundant. "The current situation under the agreement is three-and-a-half weeks for each year of service capped at 52; they've offered four weeks per year of service capped at 52 so for the large majority here it won't make any difference," he said.

[Five dead found near Dili airport](#) . THE remains of five people have been uncovered from eroded soil on the boundary of Dili's international airport. Human rights campaigners claimed the people had been murdered by the Indonesian military, thereported last night. "From the initial , the only thing we assume is that these remains have been there for many years," the acting United Nations police commissioner, Juan Carlos Arevalo, told the ABC. Photographs obtained by the broadcaster showed investigations at the site had uncovered the remains of at least five people. Human rights campaigners blamed the deaths on Indonesia's occupancy of East Timor, thereported. The established cause of death was two bullets to the back of the head; and some of the victims were bound. The Timorese President, Jose Ramos-Horta, [said](#) the victims found next to Dili airport should be honoured, but he told thethat reconciliation with Indonesia was more important than dredging up its former crimes. "The whole world knows Indonesia acted against human rights at this time, but the Indonesian Government does not take responsibility for their crimes," one campaigner, Jose Luis Oliveira, said. The case was now in the hands of East Timor's prosecutor-general. "We must not allow ourselves to be hostage of the past, no matter how ugly that past was with relation to the Indonesian occupation," he said. Mr Ramos-Horta said the mystery was unlikely to be solved and that the prosecutor already had 4000 unresolved cases on his desk.

[Govt GP training cap raises Tas doctors' ire](#) .Doctors in Tasmania say they are frustrated by a Federal Government cap that only allows them to train a certain number of general practitioners every year. Frank Meumann, the chief executive of General Practice Training Tasmania, [says](#) the group had to turn away six suitable, highly-motivated graduates who applied for the program. The [news](#) has angered Grahame Alexander, who runs the Claremont Medical Centre. "We had to say no because the quota's been set at 16 and since we had 22 applicants and 16 positions, we couldn't take six applicants," he said. "You could only describe [it as] devastating; there wouldn't be a practice in this state, probably hundreds of practices, who aren't desperate for doctors," he said. He has been working as a GP for 20 years." Peter Barns, the chief executive of a Tasmanian GP recruiting service, [says](#) state-wide there are vacancies for 60 GPs. "And when they're Tasmanian-trained they are the doctors who know the illnesses of Tasmanians better, and they stay and work in Tasmania. "The opportunity exists to train these doctors; general practice training in Tasmania so that they can take more registrars, they can take the extra six," he said. Mr Barns wants the six Tasmanian doctors who missed out to get into the GP training program. "They exist, so it's disappointing that we can't find a way [for] these guys to employ them. "We have more than enough practices out there that are accredited to take trainees and to provide them with the support they need. A spokesperson for Ms Roxon says a new training option is needed, but for the moment the quota system will remain." The Tasmanian Government has written to Federal Health Minister Nicola Roxon, asking for the quota to be increased so that the six students who missed out can be trained. . Adapted from a report by Felicity Ogilvie for AM, September 20

[Green makeover would save you money](#) . Unions want a "green revolution" to sweep the country's homes, saving more than \$400 on annual household electricity bills. They have called on the federal government to pay for a mass retrofitting of homes to slash electricity use. This would save \$429 on annual power bills and dramatically cut greenhouse gas emissions, according to Sharan Burrow, president of the Australian Council of Trade Unions. Homes would be kitted out with insulation, double glazing and smart appliances at a cost to the government of \$5500 apiece. "You can create thousands of green jobs and save people money," Ms Burrow told . Ms Burrow, who backs the plan, said an army of up to 20,000 green-collar workers would be needed to retrofit the homes. "If we act now, (households) will be ahead of the game. "Every little bit helps if you can save money. The coalition has put forward several models, depending on how many of the country's eight million homes would be retrofitted." The plan has been proposed by the Southern Cross Climate Coalition, which is made up of the ACTU and green groups.75 billion, create 7000 full-time jobs, and save 1. Retrofitting 500,000 homes would cost the government \$2. Retrofitting 1.5 million tonnes of emissions.6 billion, create 17,000 jobs, and save 3.2 million homes would cost \$6. Under the proposal, wealthy households would pay something towards their retrofit, while lower-income households would get it for free.7 million tonnes of emissions. This is because most electricity comes from coal, so generates greenhouse emissions. Emissions trading will push up the price of electricity when it starts in 2010. The mass retrofit should start within months, Ms Burrow said. The climate coalition wants the government to retrofit homes so households do not end up paying more. Some business and industry groups have warned that emissions trading would cost profits and jobs, but Ms Burrow said Australia should focus on being competitive in a low-carbon future, and growing a green workforce. As emissions trading kicks in, the government could use some of the revenue from the scheme to pay for the retrofits.

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[Turnbull victorious in leadership spill](#) .Malcolm Turnbull has seized the Liberal leadership from Brendan Nelson after winning earlier today's party room ballot by 45 votes to 41. Julie Bishop was unopposed and will remain as deputy leader. Dr Nelson has held the leadership since last November, when he won the job in a vote against Mr Turnbull by 45 votes to 42. Dr Nelson called the spill late yesterday in a move designed to surprise Mr Turnbull, who had been on holiday in Italy last week. Liberal Senate leader Nick Minchin says he will support Mr Turnbull as leader, even though he voted for Dr Nelson. Dr

Nelson's supporters say they are disappointed but will now back Mr Turnbull, who now becomes the third Liberal leader in less than a year. "I thought he deserved to have more time to try to establish his credentials and his authority as leader, but I respect the majority will of the party," he said. Senator Minchin says Dr Nelson was not given enough time to prove his leadership abilities. - Meteoric rise - The ascension to the leadership caps Mr Turnbull's meteoric rise through the Liberal ranks. Prime Minister Kevin Rudd has congratulated Mr Turnbull and says he looks forward to working with him on national challenges, especially Australia's move towards a republic. He has been a journalist, barrister and a merchant banker in previous careers and was well known as the face of the republican movement. He came into parliament four years ago after winning the inner Sydney seat of Wentworth.

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The shark was placed in a dormant state in order for the team to reach into the shark's oesophagus BARCROFT Scuba divers spotted the distressed female grey nurse shark swimming close to Julian Rocks in the Cape Byron Marine Park, off the far north coast of New South Wales, in Australia, and took underwater photos of the animal.

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Shark rescued after biting on giant fishing hook

- An endangered shark was

saved from a slow and painful death by a rescue team after getting a giant fishing hook stuck in its throat. The team located the shark in about 15 metres of water, with eight other grey nurse sharks, and marine scientists coaxed it into a see-through tube before carefully removing the embedded gaff.

After reporting the sighting to the authorities, a team of experts from close toby theme park Sea World, the NSW Fisheries Department and the Marine Parks Authority went out to help the three-metre shark. "We had an ambitious thought that we could find the shark and catch it and we were prepared to stay as long as it took," he said. Sea World director of marine sciences Trevor Long led the expedition in the theme park's rescue boat. The rescue team were able to rope noose the injured shark and tire her out, allowing them to place her in a specially designed Perspex tube.

"However, we were extremely fortunate to find it on the first dive. "When the shark was in a relaxed state, we inserted a large PVC pipe into her mouth and conducted a delicate procedure to remove the gaff hook, which was lodged in her oesophagus" said Mr Long." The shark was lifted from the water and placed in a 4,000 litre tank using a crane, with the rescue team then turning the shark on her back, placing her in a dormant state." Mr Long said the shark was then released and observed swimming strongly to rejoin its original school.

"Following the removal of the large hook, the shark was administered a dose of broad spectrum antibiotics and tagged with a special tracking device which will remain with the shark for 90 days, and allow the team to collect data from her movements during this period. Minister for Primary Industries Ian Macdonald said it was an extraordinarily difficult and dangerous operation and congratulated those involved for their professionalism and speedy response. He added the rescue team were extremely happy with the result. Grey Nurse Sharks are

an endangered species and there are thought to be fewer than 500 remaining in New South Wales waters. "There was no bleeding when the gaff was removed and the shark was given a dose of antibiotics as a precautionary measure," he said.

"Julian Rocks is one of 10 grey nurse shark critical habitats established by the NSW Government in 2002, which is subject to special fishing and diving rules to help protect the species," he said. Mr Macdonald added the sharks were regular visitors to the Cape Byron Marine Park during the winter months."

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[Greens to amend Stolen Generations compensation bill](#) .The [Australian](#) Greens' spokeswoman for Indigenous issues says the party will be amending and re-introducing a Stolen Generations compensation bill to the Senate before the end of the year. Senator Rachel Siewert says the previous bill, introduced by former Democrat senator Andrew Bartlett, included a cap on the amount of reparations awarded, which the Greens Party has scrapped from the amendment. Ms Siewert says there is room for both a healing fund and compensation. Earlier this year a Senate committee called for the Federal Government to set up a National Indigenous Healing Fund to provide services for the Stolen Generations. "That's what the Bringing Them Home report said and that's what we will be continuing to support, or re-introduce into the Senate, in an amended bill that provides for financial compensation to the Stolen Generations. "We think that there needs to be financial reparations," she said. "There needs to be an approach by the Commonwealth and very definitely, obviously, the Northern Territory needs to be specifically dealt with by the Commonwealth. "The different states have various packages available for some forms of compensation but it is very limited and there is a great deal of criticism around it."

[Family 'in shock' over actor Pate's sudden death](#) .Michael Pate's family is in shock over his sudden death as he was healthy until a recent lung infection, long-time family friend Jacqui Bosanac has said. The [Australian](#) actor, writer and director has died at the age of 88. "Just previous to him going into hospital he was sitting at his computer," she said. However Ms Bosanac says son Christopher Pate has decided to try and finish a film script his father was working on before he died.. "All he did was ever work . he was working on a script which hasn't been finished and I think Christopher's going to try and finish it off.. During World War II he served in the army's entertainment unit." Pate was born in [Sydney](#) in 1920 and began his career as an interviewer for the ABC. He won two Logie Awards for television production, starred in TV series *Matlock Police*, and adapted the award-winning screenplay for the movie *Tim*, starring Mel Gibson. He then moved to the United States and appeared in over 300 television shows such as *Mission Impossible*, *Get Smart* and *Rawhide* before returning to Australia in the late 1960s. - Silver screen memories - In an interview Pate said his time in Hollywood was a memorable experience. As well as his actor son Christopher, Pate is survived by his wife Felippa Rock - also an actor - five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. "The well-known players like Marlon Brando and David Niven, but also with the western stars, John Wayne, Randolph Scott. "In that first nine years, I probably worked in about 30-odd feature films and did play with some marvellous people. "It was very unusual for and a white [person] to be playing Indians or Mexicans or cowboys in any case," he said." Pate also said he got a reputation in Hollywood for playing Indians in western movies, even though

they involved only 25 of his 350 film roles. **"So naturally every time I played a bloody cowboy or an Indian or something, everyone [had] big headlines 'Pate plays another Indian'. "It was very unusual for an Australian over in America to be doing it."**

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[It's the law: men do fewer chores](#) . MEN have been perversely prevented from doing more child raising and housework by the **Sex Discrimination Act, the very piece of legislation designed to break down gender inequality, according to the Federal Sex Discrimination Commissioner, Elizabeth Broderick. She told the Herald the laws had partially contributed to entrenching women's traditional roles because men were not able to use the laws adequately to push for working arrangements that allowed them to take on more responsibility at home. Ms Broderick is the Federal Sex Discrimination Commissioner at the [Australian](#) Human Rights Commission, which until yesterday was known as the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission. "There is an inadequate level of protection for men against discrimination on the basis of family responsibilities and it provides a [strong](#) disincentive for men to take on a greater care-taking role within the family unit," she said. Ms Broderick suggested breast-feeding mothers as another group in need of greater protection from discrimination. A Senate committee is [investigating](#) the effectiveness of the Sex Discrimination Act, originally introduced in 1984, and whether it has kept pace with changes in society. Instead, the possibility of a National Equality Act encompassing all areas should be investigated, it says in its submission. The commission suggests that there no longer be a place for separate pieces of legislation covering discrimination in different areas such as sex, race and disability. Ms Broderick said this would make it easier for people to have their issues resolved without having to make a public complaint. Greater powers for the Sex Discrimination Commissioner are being considered including giving the office the power to investigate complaints and initiate legal proceedings." She also argues that churches, community and sporting groups should no longer be exempt from the Sex Discrimination Act. "At the moment the whole system is based on whether an individual can make a complaint and that's a big step to take. Women's groups from the Catholic and Anglican churches have argued in submissions that the exemption should be removed because it entrenches discrimination against women, but Muslim women's groups want it to remain. "Is it still appropriate, in , to have exemptions from the act?" she asked.**

[Qantas voice recorder did not capture blast: investigator](#) .The cockpit voice recorder of a Qantas

jumbo jet forced to make an emergency landing in the Philippines did not capture the explosion that tore a hole in its fuselage, an investigator said. It is a setback for the Air Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB), whose team is combing the Boeing 747 plane to pinpoint the cause of the blast - thought to have been caused by an oxygen bottle, lead investigator Neville Blyth said. "Unfortunately," he added, "the standard two-hour recording which works on an endless-loop principle did not contain the depressurisation event. He told reporters in Manila that the voice recorder, which records crew conversations, radio traffic and cockpit sounds, had been downloaded by the ATSB's specialists in Canberra." Experts from the ATSB had hoped to analyse acoustic data from the recording to help in the investigation, he said. "The cockpit voice recording commenced after the descent and diversion to Manila, so the event itself appears to have been overwritten." It would also have helped investigators determine whether the flight crew handled the emergency well, Mr Blyth added. "There's a surprisingly large amount of information that could be obtained from acoustic spectrum analysis, if indeed we had a recording of the event. He said it now appeared very likely that the rupture had been caused by an exploding oxygen cylinder, one in a row of six that is used for emergencies. Experts are also examining the separate flight data recorder that logged 25 hours of flight data, and results could come within a few days, Mr Blyth said. Mr Blyth said the hole "is immediately adjacent" to where the cylinders were located. Investigators have found the valve and handle from the missing cylinder but the bottle itself remains unaccounted for. The plane, which had originated in London and was carrying 365 passengers and crew, plunged 20,000 feet before stabilising, then made an emergency landing in Manila. The Qantas jet was flying from Hong Kong to Melbourne last Friday when the explosion led to a sudden loss of air pressure in the cabin. - . The ATSB has interviewed the pilots and cabin crew on the flight

[Nelson views lower Murray drought](#) .Federal Opposition leader Brendan Nelson, touring the Lower Murray Lakes in South Australia, has urged more federal funding to support local communities suffering from ongoing drought. Dr Nelson says he wants a \$50 million assistance package made available for South Australian Murray irrigators. Dr Nelson also says the Federal Government should release advice he says it has about water which could be sent down the River Murray to refresh the lower lakes. "I will then directly present that package to Mr Rudd and ask Mr Rudd to use that \$50 million, largely from the \$10 billion Murray-Darling Basin water plan, to support these communities," he said. Local resident Henry Jones says upstream water is available to refresh the lower lakes. "Penny Wong the Minister must release the advice that she has been given for the immediate steps that can be undertaken to provide relief for the lower lakes and the community and let Australians know precisely what advice has been given to the Government in terms of immediate measures that can be undertaken," he said. Dr Nelson says talks are also needed on plans to refer all powers over the Murray-Darling Basin to the Commonwealth. "I personally don't want to take a whole heap of water out of one area but I believe water, bits of water, can be taken out of lots of areas to make out the 375 gigs of water we need just to survive," he said. Prime Minister Kevin Rudd also visited the area recently. A group of Liberal MPs is on a two-day tour of the drought-stricken river in South Australia, viewing areas from the Riverland region to the mouth.

[NSW gallery buys \\$16m Cezanne](#) . After weeks of behind-the-scenes maneuvering, the Art Gallery of NSW has acquired a \$16.2 million Cezanne landscape *Bords de la Marne*, the most expensive ever bought by an Australian public gallery. "Every cent invested in this painting will be repaid time and time again by the hundreds of thousands of people who will come to see it," says Capon. Acquiring a major Cezanne painting had been top of Edmund Capon's "to do" list for decades and fills a major gap in the gallery's collection. The gallery's Foundation, its fundraising arm, has raised about 85 per cent of the money for the work which has been in private hands in Switzerland for about 100 years. "Any art institution that has aspirations to be a great fine art museum and tell the story of modern art has to have a Cezanne on its walls," says Capon. Artist and benefactor Margaret Olley has donated \$1 million for the purchase. The 1888 painting, *Bords de la*

Marne, or Banks of the Marne, was painted on the outskirts of Paris in an area favoured by generations of artists. 4 million the National Gallery of Australia paid in 2001 for Lucian Freud's After Cezanne and the \$5 million for David Hockney's A Bigger Grand Canyon in 1999. The price paid exceeds the \$7.5 million in 2004 and Hockney's A Closer Winter Tunnel for \$3. It is also far more expensive than the Art Gallery of NSW's previous big ticket items, Cy Twombly's Three Studies From The Temeraire for \$4. In 1973, the National Gallery of Australia caused an outcry when it bought Jackson Pollock's 1952 Blue Poles for \$US2 million.6 million in 2007. . But it has proved a good investment as the work now estimated to be worth between \$US100 million and \$US200 million

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AP In scenes reminiscent of a rock concert, the pope told the faithful who had gathered on the shores of Sydney Harbour that the world had "grown weary of greed, exploitation and division".

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"false idols" and consumerism in front of 150,000 pilgrims at his first public address at World Youth Day in Australia. On his journey to Australia on Sunday the pope had indicated to journalists that he would apologise during his stay. However, he did not use his address to issue an apology to victims of sexual abuse by Catholic priests.

Referring to consumerism and the lure of "false idols", he said: "In our personal lives and in our communities, we encounter a hostility, something dangerous; a poison which threatens to corrode what is good, reshape who we are and distort the purpose for which we have been created. Instead, the 81-year-old leader of the Catholic church said there were signs indicating "something is amiss" in modern society.

Speaking in English, the pope also addressed climate change, warning that the world's natural resources are being squandered in the pursuit of "insatiable" consumerism." He warned young pilgrims "do not be fooled by those who see you as just another consumer". The pope acknowledged that many international pilgrims had come from Pacific island nations threatened by rising sea levels blamed on global warming.

"Perhaps reluctantly, we come to acknowledge that there are scars which mark the surface of our earth - erosion, deforestation, the squandering of the world's mineral and ocean resources in order to fuel an insatiable consumption," he said. The pope has made the environment one of his major causes. His comments come as the Australian government is in the midst of preparing a carbon trading system aimed at cutting greenhouse gases by 60 per cent by 2050. He has also pledged to make the Vatican carbon-neutral. Last year, he called for greater international cooperation over climate change and voiced anxiety about the impact of global warming. He said non-violence, sustainable development, justice and care for natural resources were of vital importance for humanity.

In Sydney, the pope condemned television and the internet for presenting violence and sexual exploitation as entertainment. He arrived for the ceremony in Barangaroo, close to Darling Harbour, on a large cruiser flanked by a flotilla of 12 other vessels, including police and fire crafts. The speech was the pope's first major address to pilgrims gathered

in Sydney for the week-long Catholic festival. He was then welcomed ashore by an aboriginal dance group, who performed a traditional "welcome to land". He was then welcomed ashore by an aboriginal dance group, who performed a traditional "welcome to land". The pope had earlier praised the Australian government for apologising to Aborigines for past injustices. Thanking them after the welcoming ceremony, he said: "I am deeply moved to stand on your land, knowing the suffering and injustices it has borne, but aware too of the healing and hope that now at work,".

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[Porn alert stops A380 live net link](#) . Qantas has shelved plans to offer live internet access on its **A380 planes from next month as American Airlines comes under fire from customers and flight attendants for allowing passengers to surf porn websites. Qantas will instead offer only a limited selection of what it calls "cached internet content" and access to web-based email and chat services. The airline said the full internet service was now scheduled to be available "later in 2009". A Qantas spokeswoman said the internet plans had been paired back due to "logistical and regulatory issues" encountered by its connectivity provider, OnAir. Last month, the world's largest airline, American Airlines, began offering passengers full in-flight broadband internet access on its Boeing 767-200 planes for \$US12. It would not elaborate on the issues and OnAir did not respond to requests for comment. The US Association of Professional Flight Attendants last week called on the airline's management to install filtering software to block inappropriate sites, following complaints from flight attendants and passengers.95 a flight. Qantas has ordered 20 A380 planes from Airbus, the first of which will enter service from October 20, initially flying [between Sydney/Melbourne](#) and Los Angeles but in January next year expanding to the Sydney-Singapore and Sydney-London routes. A spokesman for American Airlines said in a statement the company's preference was to provide unfiltered connections - such as those found at the average home or office - and have flight crews monitor internet usage for inappropriate material. But the lack of a full internet service will most likely disappoint many passengers who will have to make do with a limited selection of "cached internet content". Last year Qantas general manager John Borghetti was talking up the inflight entertainment system on the A380s, saying "there has never been anything like this on board a commercial aircraft".com - or how much the service would cost. Qantas has refused to give further details of what content will be**

included - other than qantas. Despite the pared back internet access, the A380's inflight entertainment system will still offer 100 movies, 500 television show episodes, 1000 audio CDs, 20 radio channels and 80 games. "No airline operating the A380 currently offers a full internet service," the Qantas spokeswoman said. USB ports, also built into every seat, will potentially allow passengers to access multimedia content from music players and portable hard drives through the seat-back screens. Laptop power sockets will be provided for every passenger. The service is pitched towards business users but Qantas said voice calls would be disabled. Separately, Qantas is rolling out new technology on its domestic fleet allowing customers to access inflight SMS and email from their mobile phones. And for the first time, Qantas international customers will be able to check in to their flights over the internet, a feature previously offered only to those travelling on domestic flights. From early next year, Qantas passengers will be able to do away with paper boarding passes and board using a 2D barcode sent to a mobile phone or other handheld device.

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[NAB follows suit with rate rise](#). National [Australia](#) Bank has become the third of the four major banks to announce it is lifting rates. From tomorrow, NAB's standard variable home loan rate will rise by 0.61 per cent.15 of a per cent to 9. Federal Treasurer Wayne Swan has repeated his call for banks to justify any rate increases outside the Reserve Bank's official changes. That is the same as the increase announced by ANZ, but slightly higher than the Commonwealth Bank's hike. It says the credit crunch has made it more expensive for them to fund their loans and they have been forced to pass on some of the extra costs to customers. NAB says even with the [increase](#), it is still absorbing some of the higher costs of funding its loans. But Peter Rice from BBY Stockbroking says the collapse of smaller non-bank lenders such as RAMs means the big banks do not have to be as competitive with their rates. Westpac is not immune from those pressures and is also expected to announce a rate [increase](#) soon. Mr Rice says banks would not be so quick to lift their rates if there was more competition to keep them low. "There is no doubt that

funding costs have increased and have increased considerably, but they peaked in January," he said.

[Govt urged to act swiftly on Garnaut findings](#) .Environmental and [industry](#) groups have urged the Federal Government to act on climate change findings in a draft report presented by Professor Ross Garnaut. Mr Garnaut called for an emissions trading scheme for Australia without delay as the best of the possible options for cutting [greenhouse](#) gas output. Speaking on the release of his report in Canberra, Professor Garnaut called for a system to cap [greenhouse](#) emissions and a permit system for industry. He would include petrol but initially exclude agriculture, but above all he stresses the urgency of introducing the scheme if the death of Australian icons like the Barrier Reef is to be averted. She says she will detail the Government's plan on an emissions trading scheme this month. Climate Change Minister Penny Wong says the Garnaut report shows Australia must act now on the issue. "We have a very strong interest, a national interest in tackling climate change. "What this confirms yet again is that this nation must take action on climate change," she said." - Bipartisan support needed - Greg Bourne of the WWF says he supports Professor Garnaut's recommendation of a broad-based emissions trading scheme (EST) and has called on the Opposition to support it. It confirms the Government's view that is if we take responsible action now the cost will be far less than if we delay. Everyone has a little bit of burden and everyone is prepared to pay that," he said. "We need to spread the burden across the economy. The continued trivialising of these most important of issues is not good leadership for the public of Australia. "The most important thing is the Opposition needs to get behind Garnaut, to back this up. Dr Nelson says the Federal Government would be rushing a carbon trading scheme if it were to begin by 2010." But Opposition Leader Brendan Nelson says his party will be guided by its own advice on an emissions trading scheme. "The most important thing for us is that we get this right, we owe it to our children. "Last year in government, the advice that had been given to the previous government was that the earliest you could start to introduce it was 2011 and to get it running by 2012," he said." Dr Nelson says it must be acknowledged that Australia cannot solve climate change acting alone. Importantly we protect jobs and don't send jobs and industries off to other parts of the world. Tony Maher of the CFMEU has urged the Government to endorse the report. "Australia must be part of a genuinely global response to climate change, which involves the key emitters throughout the world, particularly the United States, China, India and the other large developing and developed nations," he said. At last we've got a balanced approach to emissions trading and climate change generally. "Thank God for Garnaut. Wilderness Society spokeswoman Virginia Young says Professor Garnaut has highlighted the urgency of the need to act. Wilderness Society spokeswoman Virginia Young says Professor Garnaut has highlighted the urgency of the need to act. "It was also heartening to hear him reassure the community that action now will be less disruptive and more economically feasible than action in two years time or three years time or 10 years time," she said. Queensland Premier Anna Bligh says Professor Garnaut has made some interesting suggestions. "He proposes an emissions trading scheme where 'permits to pollute' effectively would be bought and sold, and the money arising from it could then be returned by way of compensation and assistance to both householders and industry," she said. "I'll be very interested to hear what not only industry, but what citizens have to say about it." - Interest group support - Brett Solomon, executive director of activist group Get Up, says it is clear Australia must act now on climate change and agrees petrol should be included in the scheme. "I think the impact of the ETS on petrol prices will be minimal in comparison to the international oil prices that we have no control over," he said. "The threat to Kakadu and the Great Barrier Reef are real threats to Australian identity, to our environment, to our culture, to our future." He has urged the Government to adopt the report and implement its findings. Climate Institute chief executive John Connor says the Government must focus its policy on investment in clean energy rather than consumption and says the report paints a stark picture about the cost of inaction. However he says the report also provides hope that Australia can

move towards having a low carbon economy. The Climate Institute is examining closely at some of the renewable energy target recommendations but Mr Connor says it broadly supports most recommendations, including the report's approach to encouraging better practice within the trade-exposed emissions intensive industry. The Queensland Farmers' Federation (QFF) says it welcomes the report's recommendation that agriculture not be included in an emissions trading scheme for the time being. Professor Garnaut says there should be a delay in including agriculture because it is hard to measure the greenhouse emissions in that sector. But QFF CEO John Cherry says he is not convinced the agricultural sector should ever be included. "There are some fundamental problems with applying an ETS to agriculture, we're not sure we can sort the measurement issues out," he said. "We're not sure that his compensation mechanism sorts out the trade exposure issue and we might end up exporting our agriculture industries to countries that don't have an ETS." - Report criticism - Greens Senator Christine Milne says Professor Garnaut has painted a dire picture if urgent action is not taken, but his recommendations are too soft. "His slow start is completely unacceptable. If you believe that climate change is as urgent and dire as Professor Garnaut says it is, how could you possibly be suggesting that the first two years of any trading scheme simply be at the Kyoto levels of 108 per cent of 1990 levels? That doesn't match," she said. ACTU head Sharan Burrow says workers will be hit hard by climate change, and today's report should send a warning to reluctant businesses to get on board. "We can't afford not to act and we say to those businesses generating hysteria, put your case, evidence-based, absolutely transparent, you'll get support if you need it," she said. "But there can be no 'get out of jail free' cards, everybody must be in this." Greenpeace's Steve Shallhorn says Professor Garnaut is right to push for urgent action, but some of his policy advice has missed the mark. "Unfortunately some of his prescriptions fall a little short," he said. "He has too much emphasis on the notion of clean coal which will not be ready for at least another two decades and we need to take very strong action on a much quicker time frame than that."