Gillard’s Carbon Tax makes us deaf

The results of a special Roy Morgan Reactor test over the last 48 hours suggest that Australians are so politically divided over the Carbon Tax that they are not listening to or swayed by arguments.

As the chart below shows, the Reactor graphs split along party lines, regardless of the statement and who’s making it.

Gary Morgan says:

“The more political the personality, the wider the gap between the reactions of L-NP and ALP voters. Consequently, the greatest divergence is between the political leaders, Julia Gillard and Tony Abbott. The overall Reactor scores were about the lowest we’ve seen for any subject. The graph rarely rises above the neutral, 50 line.

“Over the past week Roy Morgan has tried to dig deeper into the Carbon Tax debate beyond merely the political split that is so evident between the Government and the Opposition.

“We have looked closely at parts of the Carbon Tax debate to show what electors think about issues like coal-fired power stations, a potential clean electricity generation alternative like nuclear power, Australia’s contribution to global carbon emissions and the legislation itself.

“The Morgan Poll released on Friday June 3rd showed that 53% of Australian electors oppose the Government’s proposed Carbon Tax legislation, while additional Carbon Tax research released yesterday, Monday June 6th, shows that a majority of Australians (51%) do want any Carbon Tax to apply to Australia’s black coal generated power stations.

“These seemingly contradictory results indicate strongly that further research is required to understand the public’s true position on the Carbon Tax and even the level of understanding amongst Australians about what exactly the proposed Carbon Tax will mean for them.”

View a graphic PDF overview of the results here.

View a 5 minute video of the Carbon Tax Reactor results here.

Australian views on the Carbon Tax Legislation (Release & Tables)

Australian views on Electricity generation – coal, nuclear etc. (Release & Tables)

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How can anyone believe anything that this Prime Minister says?