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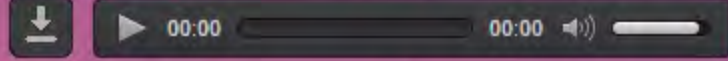


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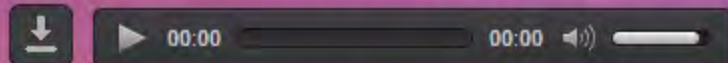


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MICHAEL BRISSENDEN: Okay, but it's pretty clear, isn't it, that some believe Australia needs to do more. I mean, even here at home you would have seen the reports.

Clearly, you're across this this morning that some in the Climate Change Authority, two members of the board, breaking ranks saying we need to double our emissions targets at least and that the current targets won't put Australia on a path to doing its part to limit the temperature rise.

JOSH FRYDENBERG: Well the Climate Change Authority's report was based on the Paris targets of 26 to 28 per cent. And we thank the Climate Change Authority for their report and obviously its recommendations will be considered in the context of our 2017 review.

But I do note that it talked about an expansion of the emissions reduction fund, which is a form of direct action which we believe has been very successful. We've had a number of auctions to date. And the cost of abatement has been just \$12.10 per tonne, which compares to the 15 billion slug that the Labor party gave us with their carbon tax.

It also talked about extending the National Energy Productivity Plan which is designed to boost productivity and efficiency by 40 per cent by 2030, as well as vehicle emissions and a number of other changes.

MICHAEL BRISSENDEN: I guess the point is that some on the authority that advises the Government don't support the view that the broader board does that the Government is doing enough. I mean, how do you feel about that?

JOSH FRYDENBERG: Well there were too dissenters and they're putting out their own report. But that's a matter for the Climate...

MICHAEL BRISSENDEN: Well they say the advice ignores what science demands.

JOSH FRYDENBERG: Well, the Climate Change Authority chaired by Wendy Craik has made its own determination, we have not sought to direct it, and now the two people on that board have had a different view. But the vast majority of those board members have signed on to the report which was submitted to the Government and announced last week.

MICHAEL BRISSENDEN: You're reviewing the climate policy broadly next year. Is it time to review the 2030 targets when you do that?

JOSH FRYDENBERG: Look, we'll wait and see what happens next year in 2017, but 2030 is a long way away, Michael.

And as I said they're very ambitious targets. We're seeing a dramatic change underway in the economy.

And look, Australia has been very successful to date, whereas if you look at some other countries, particularly those in the G20, it's worth noting for example that China is increasing its emissions between now and 2030 by 100 per cent, India by 200 per cent, and Germany has just commissioned a black coal electricity generation power plant.

So there are changes going on in the rest of the world which may raise the ire of these NGOs, whereas Australia has seen a dramatic increase in the amount of renewable as part of its overall electricity mix.

MICHAEL BRISSENDEN: Okay, just quickly can I just ask you about the other issue that's clearly come up between the Chinese and Australia at the G20 and that is this issue of Chinese investment.

China clearly wants it says a fair and transparent approach to foreign investment. They obviously don't think that's what they're getting, do they?

JOSH FRYDENBERG: Well Australia is the second-largest destination for Chinese investment anywhere in the world, just behind the United States. And we've had a very open door policy for Chinese investment in this country, including across all different sectors.

Now, the Ausgrid decision was one based on national security grounds and the Treasurer was very emphatic in that. And I note that the Labor party did support our position.

But we welcome Chinese investment as we welcome investment from other parts of the world. And whether it's been the development of the Pilbara in the west or whether it's the north-west shelf or other parts of our country, we need foreign investment to give us...

MICHAEL BRISSENDEN: The Chinese just clearly don't think that they're getting a deal, a fair deal here.

JOSH FRYDENBERG: Well there's been hundreds of deals, Michael, that have been approved by the Government under FIRB (Foreign Investment Review Board), whether it's been by a Coalition government or a Labor government, and the doors are certainly open to Chinese investment and indeed foreign investment from other parts of the world.

MICHAEL BRISSENDEN: Okay, Josh Frydenberg, we'll leave it there. Thank you very much for joining us.

JOSH FRYDENBERG: Nice to be with you.

MICHAEL BRISSENDEN: The Energy and Environment Minister Josh Frydenberg.



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