



Teys Australia

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Meat processor calls on new senate to stop “games” and repeal carbon tax

One of Australia’s largest beef processors has called on the new senate to repeal the carbon tax for the sake of Australian manufacturing.

Teys Australia, which employs 4500 staff across Australia, says the tax is a massive burden on manufacturers trying to compete in a global market.

Teys general manager corporate affairs Tom Maguire said removing the carbon tax was a key plank of the Abbott Government’s election commitment and new senators should not be holding Australia to ransom with political power plays.

“It’s quite clear that manufacturers are closing down across the country, due in part to unnecessary costs and charges on business.

“While eliminating the carbon tax is only scratching the surface of what needs to be done, it’s an important first step and will stimulate business investment,” he said.

Mr Maguire said the real cost of the carbon tax should not be underestimated.

“Countries we compete against do not have this burden, so there is a direct link between this tax and becoming more competitive.”

Teys Australia have plants in many regional centres including Rockhampton, Wagga, Tamworth, Biloela and Naracoorte, and believe that regional manufacturing in particular must be promoted as part of an overall reform agenda.

“Extra costs and burdens like the carbon tax are one part of the need; opening new markets and a reform of the industrial relations system are also vital to international competitiveness.

“If we don’t make the right moves politically, regional centres will lose the economic benefits and jobs that local manufacturing brings.”

The new senate will commence on July 1, and already the Palmer United

Party has hinted that they will refuse to back the carbon tax repeal.

“Business needs certainty, and the new senators need to realise that it’s not a game. Investment and jobs rely on their decisions.

“The carbon tax must be repealed.”