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LABOR CENSORSHIP OF CARBON TAX DEBATE

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Dr Dennis Jensen has expressed dismay at what he calls censorship of free and open debate by the Labor Party in the current Carbon Tax debate.

Referring to an incident that occurred while delivering his speech on the Governments Carbon Tax Legislation, Dr Jensen says he was prevented from tabling documents by the Minister on duty, Kate Ellis.

- "I approached Minister Ellis, about tabling some of the scientific evidence I was about to use in my speech", Dr Jensen said
- "The Minister refused without reason my simple request for honest and evidence based parliamentary debate."
- "It seems the Labor Party is unwilling to allow frank and open debate on the science of climate change, which underpins the whole framework of this legislation"
- "I currently hold the highest scientific qualifications of all MPs and Senators and was hoping to shed some scientific light on this debate"
- "We really have reached a low point in the 43rd parliament."
- "The method of censorship and ignorance goes a long way to explaining why so many Australians distrust the Prime Minister and her government. I believe history will condemn this debate"
- "I am also dissatisfied by the way the scientific debate on climate change has run in this country."
- "It's important we ask ourselves, what is driving this current green push towards a wealth redistributing tax scheme."
- "Why are the views of people like Al Gore, a failed scientist and Tim Flannery, a geologist, given more weight than those of Professor Ian Plimer or Professor Bob Carter.

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"Group think and vested interest is rampant in this current generation of climate scientists. They have failed their scientific forefathers by not critically analysing the data and theories presented to them."

"Time will show that they bastardised their positions as scientists and sold their souls to a movement which fails the test of scientific method."

"Our current group of politicians and scientists are standing on the neck of science and slowly choking it", Dr Jensen said.