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TAX TIGER TO FIGHT AIRLINE POLLUTION

There should be a carbon tax levied on airfares and it should start with the new Tiger airlines \$10 fares says Democrat Lead Senate Candidate Ruth Russell.

"Allowing \$10 airfares on highly polluting air travel proves that Labor and Liberal do not take climate change seriously."

"We have to be realistic. Climate change means the cheap fuel energy orgy is over."

"Passenger numbers are expected to double by 2020 and the Australia Institute has warned that aviation pollution could wipe out emission cuts in other sectors,"

"We need to stop the growth in air travel to slow climate change not entice more and more people onto the planes with ridiculous cut-price air fares."

"Business travel should be replaced with video conferencing wherever possible and our tourism industry should focus on a smaller number of high-spending long stay visitors."

"The Democrats are practicing what we preach on air travel."

"We were the first party to aim to be carbon neutral. Our Senators are reducing air travel where they can and offsetting their travel with tree planting."

"That's what all our airlines should be doing," said Ms Russell.

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