

Filling a much needed gap

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Writing into today's Age, Michael Power, a lawyer with the self-styled Environment Defenders Organisation, claims "mining is largely uncovered by the carbon tax". Que? Clearly this is not a man who has heard of fugitive emissions. Moreover, as his article is about Victoria, one might have expected him to recognise that Victorian brown coal, used in electricity generation, will be very heavily taxed. Clearly, you don't need to know much about the environment to proclaim yourself its defender. Come to think of it, perhaps that helps.