



# Rudd will ignore ETS inquiry by senators

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Prime Minister Kevin Rudd plans to ignore a Senate inquiry into emissions trading by pressing ahead with his proposed scheme without changes.

The Australian Greens yesterday backed an Opposition move to resurrect the inquiry the Government axed in the House of Representatives. The Greens also want it expanded and finished before ETS legislation enters Parliament.

Mr Rudd said the draft laws would be in line with the Government's blueprint regardless of the probe's outcome.

The coalition proposed the same terms of reference but the Greens want the greenhouse target range, climate change science and a host of other issues studied.

"The Senate needs to hear from as many experts as possible into how to design an emissions trading scheme that will create new jobs and investment in the net zero carbon economy of the future," Greens Senator Christine Milne said.

Before seeing these terms, Opposition Leader Malcolm Turnbull indicated agreement.

Mr Turnbull and Liberal Party moderates may find themselves in conflict with conservatives after indicating the coalition would adopt a more ambitious target than the Government.

Emissions trading spokesman Andrew Robb said the target would be specified after receiving a review the Opposition had commissioned.

But WA Liberal Senator Mathias Cormann said the leadership should

not set a target for an emissions trading scheme until it knew what the rest of the world was doing.

"But that does not prevent us from being more ambitious in reducing emissions, as long as it is done in a way that is both environmentally effective and economically responsible."



**Intention unchanged: Kevin Rudd**