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IPA RECOGNISED IN PRESTIGIOUS INTERNATIONAL AWARD FOR WORK AGAINST CARBON TAX

The Institute of Public Affairs' work to defeat the carbon tax in Australia has been recognised as one of six finalists in the prestigious international Templeton Freedom Award in Washington D.C. last night.

The Templeton Freedom Award, which awards a prize of \$100,000 (US), is awarded by the Atlas Network, a non-profit organisation that connects free market organisations in 80 different countries. The award recognises the most exceptional and innovative contributions to the understanding of free enterprise, and the public policies that encourage prosperity through free competition. The winner will be announced at the Atlas Freedom Dinner in New York City on 12 November 2015.

"Australia's implementation of a deeply flawed carbon tax law looked like a precursor to a tide of heavy-handed regulation of energy use. The IPA, more than anyone else, stopped it in its tracks," says Brad Lips, CEO of Atlas Network.

Between 1 January 2010 and 31 July 2014, IPA research on the carbon tax appeared on 209 occasions in print media, 363 occasions on radio and 261 occasions on television. The IPA hosted 34 events in nine cities between 2007 and 2014 aimed to educate and inform the public about the carbon tax. The IPA also published the best-selling books *Climate Change: The Facts* in 2010, and *Climate Change: The Facts 2014*.

The five other finalists for the Templeton Freedom Award are:

- Acton Institute, Michigan-based makers of the documentary *Poverty, Inc.*, which highlighted the failure of foreign aid to provide meaningful change in poverty-affected areas.
- Center for Dissemination of Economic Knowledge for Freedom, a Venezuelan institute which monitors the state of individual rights in Venezuela.
- Free Market Foundation, who runs the Khaya Lam (My House) Land Reform project in South Africa, bringing about the titling of apartheid-era properties in which black families had occupation rights but lacked title deeds.
- Institute for Justice, a Virginia-based institute recognised for its strategic research program by which the institute makes data-driven cases for its legal challenges against government efforts to undermine individual property rights.
- Tax Foundation, a Washington D.C.-based institute that designed the State Business Tax Climate Index, which highlights the tax systems affecting businesses in the United States.

"The carbon tax threatened every Australian's economic freedom. We are proud to have been recognised for this prestigious international award for our work to overturn the political consensus in Australia and help repeal the carbon tax," says Mr Paterson.

[Read more](#) on why the IPA is being recognised in the Atlas Network's Templeton Freedom Award.

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