

□ Newdegate farmer Ron McLean (left), and partner Marye Daniels, Perth, with Wickepin farmer Steve Martin at the meeting.

NEWDEGATE farmer Ron McLean was already a big climate change sceptic before he attended the Narrogin meeting, and left the venue even more furious at the possibility of having to pay tax for a system that will not work.

"Bob Carter's presentation only reinforced my belief that current climate change will go on, and it has nothing to do with carbon gas emission," Mr McLean said.

"The ETS is a farce and any tax on carbon emission will not make the slightest difference to the amount of

emissions.

"CO₂ is essential to life anyway and there were higher levels of carbon gases in history."

Mr McLean said he would be contacting as many politicians as he could to raise his objections and concerns.

He was also wary that any ETS would ultimately affect farmers, even though it seems likely that agriculture will be granted an exemption in the initial stages of any carbon reduction scheme.

"Farmers are always at the end of the line and we can't pass on the costs," he said.

would provide the platform for a referendum on the issue.

"The Australian people are entitled to cast their vote on this

matter which, if properly debated, would be a referendum on the ETS as a solution to climate change," he said.



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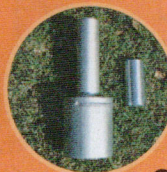
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