

PRIME MINISTER

ACID RAIN


There will be intense media interest in tomorrow's widely trailed meeting on acid rain in advance of your visit to Norway.

The expected outcome is retrofitting, perhaps short of joining the 30% club, at considerable expense.

I have been trying to get over the idea that whatever the outcome, the decision will be based on scientific evidence and not because you are visiting Norway or Germany next week.

You will get a great deal of publicity in Norway. But there is a great deal to be said for getting it right in this country tomorrow evening, if only by way of guidance on what you will say in Norway.

It would be helpful if E(A) could consider a briefing line for use tomorrow evening.

  
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