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Interviewees: Leonard Cohen, Director, Canopy; Rev Dr Andrew Dutney, School of Theology, Flinders University

Leonard Cohen says Canopy are the carbon off-setting, tree planting people in SA and last year they off-set all of the cars that were bought by the Uniting Church. He says the key thing is to avoid being caught up in the guilt game. He says if you treat it like indulgences it is morally reprehensible and there is no advantage to the environment.

He advises people to cut their emissions first before off-setting what they cannot reduce.

Dr Dutney says he was aware of the Uniting Church doing this with its car leasing scheme and says other Christian denominations have been doing the same thing. He refers to a decision by the Catholic Archdiocese to plant trees in the parklands to off-set the **carbon** from the World Youth Day event that is coming up.

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