Referee Report on “Differentiating Emissions Targets for Individual Developed Countries: Economics and Equity” by Andy Reisinger

The author is apparently oblivious to the literature on welfare theory and moral philosophy. He at least did not bother to refer to any of the standard works (Browne, Roemer, Sen). Similarly, the author seems to be unaware of the literature on equitable allocation of emission permits. Authors like Helm, Mueller, Ott, Rose come to mind. The author further overlooks that the choice of a global target has an ethical element too, which interacts with the ethics of the allocation (Tol). Finally, the author uses a thought experiment where this literature has long moved to numerical models.

The main conclusion, that static rules do not work in dynamic systems, is too trite for comment.