

CAUSALITY ANALYSIS: ECONOMIC GROWTH, ECONOMIC OPENNESS, ENERGY CONSUMPTION, AND CARBON DIOXIDE EMISSION IN INDONESIA

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Abstract

The purpose of this research is to analyze the causality between economic variables, i.e. economic growth, economic openness, and energy consumption to carbon dioxide emissions, and analyze short-run and long-run connections between research variables in Indonesia during the period 1971 to 2018. This research is using VECM analysis and Granger Causality. The results of the VECM analysis in this research show that in the short-run the variable carbon dioxide emissions in the previous period, economic openness, and energy consumption have a significant effect on carbon dioxide emissions in Indonesia, and in the long run, the variables of economic growth, economic openness, and energy consumption have a significant effect on carbon dioxide emissions in Indonesia. The Granger Causality analysis found bidirectional causality between energy consumption and carbon dioxide emissions. It also found unidirectional causality between economic growth and carbon dioxide emissions. The recommendations that can be shared are that The Government of Indonesia should be more worried about the degradation in environmental quality in Indonesia as a result of economic development. On the other hand, in achieving sustainable economic development, the Indonesian Government must immediately use energy resources more efficiently and environmentally friendly.

Keywords : Carbon dioxide emissions; Economic Growth; VECM; Granger Causality.

Abstrak

Riset ini bertujuan untuk menganalisis hubungan sebab akibat antara variabel ekonomi yaitu pertumbuhan ekonomi, keterbukaan ekonomi, serta konsumsi energi terhadap emisi karbon dioksida serta pengaruh jangka pendek dan jangka panjang antara variabel riset di Indonesia sepanjang periode 1971 hingga dengan 2018. Metode yang digunakan dalam riset ini merupakan analisis VECM serta Granger Causality. Hasil dari analisis VECM dalam riset ini membuktikan jika dalam jangka pendek variabel emisi karbon dioksida pada periode sebelumnya, variabel keterbukaan ekonomi, serta variabel konsumsi energi mempengaruhi

signifikan terhadap emisi karbon dioksida, dan dalam jangka panjang variabel pertumbuhan ekonomi, keterbukaan ekonomi, serta konsumsi energi mempengaruhi signifikan terhadap emisi karbon dioksida di Indonesia. Dalam analisis Granger Causality ditemui ikatan sebab akibat antara konsumsi energi dan emisi karbon dioksida, dan juga ikatan satu arah antara pertumbuhan ekonomi terhadap emisi karbon dioksida. Bagi pemerintah Indonesia diharapkan dapat lebih memperhatikan tentang penurunan kualitas lingkungan di Indonesia sebagai dampak dari pembangunan ekonomi, di sisi lain, dalam mencapai pembangunan ekonomi yang berkelanjutan, pemerintah Indonesia juga dapat segera melakukan transisi sumber daya energi ke sumber energi yang lebih efisien dan ramah lingkungan.

Kata kunci : *Emisi Karbon dioksida; Petumbuhan Ekonomi; VECM, Granger Causality.*

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INTRODUCTION

In the Environmental Kuznet Curve hypothesis theory, a country's economic growth will be followed by an increase of environmental degradation. In this condition, the impact of the economic growth against the increase of environmental damage will happen continuously, until reaching a certain level of income. When a country has reached a certain level of income, then pollution will experience a decrement (Ula, 2019).

Indonesia is one of the developing countries with continuous increasing economic growth, this can be seen by the continuous growth of Indonesia's GDP per capita annually. However, this economic growth is followed by the increase of the emission of the carbon dioxide each year and, so it affects the degradation of the environmental quality where it fits the EKC hypothesis.

There are some cases that trigger the cause of a relationship between economic growth and the increase in CO₂ emissions each year. First of all, to stimulate its growth, a country needs to increase its economic activities to push its economic growth, where one of the activities is Economic Openness which is reflected through the trade relationship between countries or International Trade. According to (Atici, 2012), trade openness helps to advance in economic development.

However, it can harm the environmental quality of a region as a result of higher levels of production as well as great exploitation of natural energy sources such as coal, oil, and natural gas to meet energy needs. Furthermore, the exploitation of natural energy sources that exceed the limits will cause a variety of losses, such as warming the earth's temperature caused by carbon emissions.

Another problem is Indonesia's energy consumption pattern, where to drive the economic growth, energy consumption is needed in the process to convert raw materials into products and services which benefit the society. Energy as a form of resource has an essential role as the driving force of the economic development in production, distribution up to consumption activities.

This phenomenon is described as "energy ladder". In low income level, energy tends to come from resources that are directly obtained from either biological resource (wood, faeces, sunlight for drying) or human work (also another biological resource, for example, animal). And in higher-income community, processed biofuels, animal power, and some fossil energy are more prominent. Commercial fossil fuel and electricity finally become the most dominant energy resource in the most advanced stage of industrialization and development. Up until

now, fossil fuel has been one of the most dominant energy resources in terms of global energy demand, including Indonesia. The fossil fuel consumption energy pattern has not changed much, seen from the last few decades (International Energy Agency, 2019). But the world dependency on fossil fuel, including Indonesia, causes a serious impact to the environment. Carbon dioxide which is emitted through the fossil fuel is the main cause of the global warming (Ozturk & Acaravci, 2010).

On the other hand, Indonesia has quite a few problems regarding the decreasing fossil energy reserve which goes on and is still unable to fully utilize its renewable energy resources. In Indonesia, energy resource is relatively available, but in the long run more alternative energy sources are necessary because of the decreasing oil reserve as the main energy and the necessity to pay attention to the environment in terms of energy consumption to support the economic activities. Few effective ways to resolve those problems are to adopt green technology, increasing energy efficiency, also promoting renewable energy, which is also one of the mechanisms to increase GDP, which drives the industry growth which increases the job opportunities and economic growth. The use of renewable energy will reduce the CO₂ emission, however, its implementation is still hampered by the lack of infrastructure support and limited investment. So, each country needs to develop its potential for renewable energy through raising awareness against environmental sustainability and developing a sustainable industry based on renewable energy. Hence, increased flexibility will increase good socio-economic value (Kumar, 2016; Sasana & Aminata, 2019).

Based on the elaboration above, economic growth is considered to have an effect on the increase of the CO₂ emission in Indonesia, and this is caused by economic activity and also energy problem

in Indonesia. Therefore, the authors are interested in conducting similar research and continuing the previous research, hence, in this thesis research the authors choose the title “Causality Analysis: Economic Growth, Economic Openness, Energy Consumption, And Carbon Dioxide Emission In Indonesia”

LITERATURE REVIEW

The Relationship Between Economic Growth and Environmental Degradation

In principle, economic growth and the environment are related to each other, it can be seen through the Kuznet environmental curve. Simon Kuznets, Nobel laureate in 1955, made a hypothesis known as the Environmental Kuznets Curve. This theory explains the relationship between economic growth and the decline or environmental degradation. In the Kuznetz curve, it is also explained that the level of environmental pollution or degradation will increase and then experience a decrease or a turning point at a certain income level. The decrease in the level of pollution is in accordance with the increase in people's income (Todaro & Smith, 2012).

Based on the EKC hypothesis, environmental damage is likely to occur in developing countries because these countries tend to have low per capita income. This is because in the early stage of growth, industrialization focused on how to grow the economy rapidly ignoring environmental issues. In this phase, there is a positive correlation between environmental degradation and economic growth because there are many pollutants in the air resulting from the raising economic growth. However, at a certain level of income, a turning point takes place. In this phase, awareness of the importance of environmental quality has begun to develop and progress, generally this phase occurs in developed countries that are trying to reduce emissions by

applying environmentally friendly technology (Rifai, 2017).

The Relationship Between Economic Openness and Environmental Degradation

In several research, Copeland and Taylor's Pollution Haven Hypothesis, in 1994, found in their research entitled North-South Trade and the Environment, it is explained the effect of trade on the environment. In their hypothesis, they state that when trade is liberalized, large industries that cause pollution are likely to shift from developed countries with strict environmental regulations to poor or developing countries with weak environmental regulations. On the other hand, industries that are less polluting will tend to migrate to developed countries. The underlying assumption is that environmental regulation will increase costs, which in turn makes the exports of highly regulated countries relatively more expensive than those of less strict regulations (Sun, Clotey, Geng, & Fang, 2019).

The Relationship between Energy consumption and Environmental Degradation

In the economic field, the environment is seen as a composite asset that provides a variety of services. The environment is a special asset because it provides a source of energy that can be used in the economic activities of people but is seen as a fixed asset. As with any other asset, the energy use would likely be increased, or at least preventing depreciation that shouldn't happen. Energy is used in the economy as raw material, which is converted into consumers' products by the production process, and energy is transformed as fuel (Tietenberg & Lewis, 2015).

The Relationship Between Energy Consumption and Economic Openness

Energy consumption is considered to be related to the development of trade openness activities. In regards to this issue,

several researchers have found evidence related to the influence of trade openness on energy consumption in a country or a panel of several countries. According to the research of (Abidin, Haseeb, Azam, & Islam, 2015) and (Saboori & Sulaiman, 2013), there is evidence that increased trade openness activities had a significant impact on energy consumption growth in Malaysia. The research, (Shahbaz, Hye, Tiwari, & Leitão, 2013), also reveals that trade openness is closely related to energy consumption in China. According to research, (Nasreen & Anwar, 2014) with the FMOLS and DOLS estimated models showed a positive relationship between energy consumption and trade openness. In the analysis of the causal relationship, have found there is a causal relationship between trade openness and energy consumption in Asian countries.

The Relationship Between Energy Consumption and Economic Growth

The relationship between economic growth and energy consumption can be explained through the Augmented Solow Growth Model approach. This model is a development from the economic growth model created by Robert Solow (1956). Based on the research from (Wang, 2013) in the Augmented Solow Growth Model, energy is sometimes classified as natural resources, being one of the inputs that determines the amount of the output produced, and is modelled as follows:

$$y = (1 - y)K^\beta L^{1-\beta} + yE, 0 < y < 1, 0 < \beta < 1 \dots (1)$$

$$k = s(Y - E) - \delta K, 0 < s < 1, 0 < \delta < 1 \dots (2)$$

Equation (1) follows the Cobb-Douglas function with labor (L), capital (K) and energy (E) as independent variables of output (Y). β is a parameter that describes the proportion of input K in production. Meanwhile y is a parameter which explains the proportion of input E in production. Equation (2) k shows the rate

of capital growth which refers to the level of investment, s is the rate of savings, δ shows the level of depreciated capital and $s(Y - E)$ shows the accumulation of adjusted capital for energy consumption (Rifai, 2017).

The Relationship Between Economic Growth and Economic Openness

Through economic openness, developing countries will increase productivity and efficiency by utilizing new technologies that will lead to increased production. According to the endogenous growth theory, as emphasized by Grossman and Helpman (1992) and Harrison (1996), if a country's trade openness increases, the number of imported goods and service will also increase. These goods and services contain advanced technology from other countries. Therefore, domestic companies can learn advanced technology from other countries so that they can improve national technology. International trade can boost a country's economic growth (Herawati, 2016).

Research Hypothesis

The research hypothesis is constructed based on theory and previous research which is a temporary answer to the formulation of the problem. The hypothesis consists of the null hypothesis (0) and the alternative hypothesis (a) which has two possibilities, whether it is accepted or rejected if there is a deviation from the previous facts. By using the State of Indonesia as a research object because Indonesia is a developing country with fairly rapid economic growth by conducting international trading activities and on the other hand also observing the concept of environmental sustainability. Based on the conceptions that have been formed, the hypotheses that can be formulated in this study are as follows:

H1: In the long and short term, trade has a positive and significant impact on the level of carbon dioxide emissions and economic growth in Indonesia.

H2: In the long and short term, energy consumption has a positive and significant impact on the level of carbon dioxide emissions and economic growth in Indonesia.

H3: There is a causal relationship between economic growth and carbon dioxide emissions, trade and carbon dioxide emissions, as well as energy consumption and carbon dioxide emissions in Indonesia.

RESEARCH METHOD

This research is a descriptive quantitative research. The data type used in this research is secondary data. The data is a time series data. The time series data used in this research are annual data from 1971-2018. The secondary data collected in this research comes from the World Development Indicator, International Energy Agency, Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources, literature study which is done by studying theories from books by conducting analysis which is in accordance to this research and other sources which support this research

Variables which are used in this research are categorized into two types which are dependent variable and independent variables.

The dependent variable used in this research is the emission of the carbon dioxide in Indonesia. And the independent variables used in this research are the Economic Growth data, Economic Openness data, and Energy Consumption data.

The methods which are used in this research are Vector Error Correction Model (VECM) and Granger Causality. VECM is a restricted VAR model which is used for non-stationary variables but has a potential to be co-integrated. Causality study is intended for measuring the

strength of the relationship between variables and indicates the direction of the relationship which are X causes Y, Y causes X, or X causes Y and Y causes X.

Here are the estimation model used in this research referring to the model of Firdaus (2011) in the equation and also the research of Rifai (2017), Shahbaz et al. (2013) dan Budiwan (2020):

$$\Delta \ln GDP_t = \alpha_0 + \sum_{i=1}^p ai \Delta \ln GDP_{t-1} + \sum_{i=1}^p bi \Delta \ln TRD_{t-1} + \sum_{i=1}^p bi \Delta \ln EUS_{t-1} + \sum_{i=1}^p bi \Delta \ln CO2_{t-1} + e_t \quad (4)$$

$$\Delta \ln TRD_t = \alpha_0 + \sum_{i=1}^p ai \Delta \ln TRD_{t-1} + \sum_{i=1}^p bi \Delta \ln GDP_{t-1} + \sum_{i=1}^p ai \Delta \ln EUS_{t-1} + \sum_{i=1}^p bi \Delta \ln CO2_{t-1} + e_t \quad (5)$$

$$\Delta \ln EUS_t = \alpha_0 + \sum_{i=1}^p ai \Delta \ln EUS_{t-1} + \sum_{i=1}^p bi \Delta \ln GDP_{t-1} + \sum_{i=1}^p ai \Delta \ln TRD_{t-1} + \sum_{i=1}^p bi \Delta \ln CO2_{t-1} + e_t \quad (6)$$

$$\Delta \ln CO2_t = \alpha_0 + \sum_{i=1}^p ai \Delta \ln CO2_{t-1} + \sum_{i=1}^p bi \Delta \ln GDP_{t-1} + \sum_{i=1}^p ai \Delta \ln TRD_{t-1} + \sum_{i=1}^p bi \Delta \ln EUS_{t-1} + e_t \quad (7)$$

Description:

GDP_t = GDP per capita based on the year 2010 (US\$)

TRD_t = Percentage of the trading rate from total GDP

EUS_t = Energy consumption per capita

$CO2_t$ = Carbon dioxide emission per ton

RESULT AND ELABORATION

The Result of The Stationarity Test

Depend on the results of the Augmented Dicky Fuller (ADF) test, it can be inferred that unit roots are present at zero order (level) or not stationary at zero order in CO_2 , GDP and EU variables and only the TRD variable is stationary at zero order (level). It indicates that all variables are stationary in the first order (first difference) after differentiation is formed to the results, this can be shown by seeing the t-statistic is greater than the Critical

Value (5%) for each of the variables, This implies rejecting the null hypothesis H_0 , which implies that no unit root is already stationary for the series or the results. It can be assumed that the four variables, that is per capita GDP, economic openness, energy consumption and per capita Carbon emissions, are stationary in their first differential form (Table 1).

The Result of The Optimal Lag Length Test

In this research, the lag length will be determined by looking at the value of Likelihood Ratio (LR), Final Prediction Error (FPE), Akaike Information Criteria (AIC), Schwarz Information Criterion (SIC), and Hannan Quinn Criteria (HQC). The value that is selected is the smallest value of LR, FPE, AIC, SIC, and HQC. The result between the 0 lag and the 7th lag shows that the smallest result is the 7th lag. Determining the 7th lag as the optimal lag is based on the result of the Eviews where the 7th lag possessed the most stars. This shows that with a confidence interval of 95%, the optimal lag is the 7th lag (Table 2).

The Result of The Cointegration

This test uses the cointegration test developed by Johansen. Johansen test uses trace statistics analysis and critical value at significance level = 5%, H_1 is accepted if trace statistics value is bigger than the critical value at the significance level = 5%.

It can be explained that in the test with 5% (0.05) significance level, the CO_2 emission, GDP, TRD and EU variables are cointegrated. It can be proven by a bigger trace value than the critical value which is 0.05. It means H_0 is rejected and H_1 is accepted or in other words, the variables used in this research are cointegrated one another with a total of 3 cointegrated. Therefore, the VECM estimation technique can be used in this research (Table 3).

Vecm Estimation Result (Vector Error Correction Model)

The use of VECM estimation model is in accordance with the formulation of the problem in this research, that is to test the short-term and long-term relationships between carbon dioxide emission and the factors that influence it, which are the variables of Economic Growth, Economic Openness and Energy Consumption.

In order to find out whether the research variables are influential or not, it can be determined by comparing the t-statistical value of the estimation results against the table. The t-table value for observation with $n = 43$ and a 5% significance is 1.68107.

The equation of the cumulative emission of carbon dioxide as the dependent variable and the emission of carbon dioxide from the previous time as the independent variable in the VECM estimation for the short-term estimate indicates that there are five factors that have a major impact on the emission of carbon dioxide. In the second lag, third lag, fifth lag, sixth lag and seventh lag, these five factors are carbon emission variables, which have a positive and major effect on the carbon dioxide emission variable. This can be shown by the t-statistical values (2.38966), (2.08122), (4.31317), (2.75176) and (3.91246), which are greater than the value of the t-table, that is (1.68023).

The analysis of carbon dioxide emissions as the dependent variable and the economic openness variable as the independent variable in the VECM estimation for the short-term estimate shows that there is one variable that has a major impact on carbon dioxide emissions. The seventh lag economic openness variable is one of those variables, which has a negative and major effect on variable carbon dioxide emission. This can be shown, as follows, by the t-statistic value (-1.71505), which is greater than the t-table value, that is (1.68023).

The equation for the variable carbon dioxide emission as the dependent variable and energy consumption as the independent variable in the VECM calculation for the short-term indicates that there are two factors that have a major effect on the emission of carbon dioxide. The two variables are the sixth lag and the seventh lag energy consumption variable, which have a positive and major effect on the carbon dioxide emission variable. This can be shown by the t-statistical value, which is greater than the t-table value (1.71698) and (3.09079), which is greater than the t-table value, which is (1.68023).

The long-term result of the VECM estimation indicates that the GDP variable has a positive and major effect with a coefficient value of 2.45 on carbon dioxide emissions. This can be shown by the t-statistic value, which is (2.43017) which is greater than the value of the t-table, which is (1.68023). And economic growth only has a major long-term impact on total emission of carbon dioxide.

The long-term result of the VECM estimation indicates that the TRD variable has a positive and major effect on carbon emissions, with a coefficient of 4.03. This can be shown by the t-statistic value, which is (5.29035) which is higher than the value of the t-table, which is (1.68023). And economic openness, both in the long and short term, has a major impact on total carbon dioxide emissions.

And the long-term result of the VECM estimation for the EU variable has a positive and major effect on the emission of carbon dioxide, with a coefficient value of 4.26. This can be shown by the t-statistical value, which is (3.11708) and is greater than the value of the t-table, that is (1.68023). And energy consumption has a major effect, both in the long and short term, on the amount of carbon dioxide released.

The VECM estimation result for the short and long term above are valid results

where, it is known the R-squared determination coefficient value is 0.93 of 1.00 or 93% of 100 percent where, the change in the dependent variable (carbon dioxide emission) can be explained by the independent variables (economic growth, economic openness, and energy consumption) of 93% from a maximum of 100 %.

Impulse Response Function (IRF) Analysis

Based on the result of the IRF (Impulse Response Function) analysis, it can be concluded that the response of CO2 emission to the CO2 shock itself in the 1st to 7th periods tends to show negative trend, but there is a spike in the 8th to the 10th period which shows a positive trend. The response of CO2 emission to the shock GDP per capita tends to fluctuate, in the 1st to 10th periods, and tends to show a positive trend. The response of CO2 emission to the Trade shock tends to fluctuate from the 1st to 10th periods and shows a negative trend. The response of CO2 emission to the EU shock (energy consumption) in the 1st to 6th period shows a positive trend. However, there is a surge in the 7th to 10th period which showed a negative trend (Figure 1).

Forecast Error Variance Decomposition (FEVD) Analysis

In the 1st period, it is explained that carbon dioxide emission was greatly affected by the shock of carbon dioxide emissions itself by 100 percent. Meanwhile, in the 1st period, the variables economic growth, economic openness, and energy consumption haven't had an effect on carbon dioxide emission. Furthermore, from period 1 to period 10, the proportion of shock carbon dioxide emissions itself still has the greatest influence (Table 4).

The Result of the Granger Causality Test

In the Granger Causality test, a causal relationship is found between the energy consumption variables and CO2 emissions per capita in the research. This is in accordance with the research hypothesis and previous research, according to research (Hwang & Yoo, 2014) and (Tietenberg & Lewis, 2015), energy sources are sometimes classified as natural resources and are used as one of the inputs that determine the amount of output which is produced, and the energy that is transformed as fuel, which eventually, the raw materials and the energy return to the environment as waste products. This study also finds a unidirectional causality relationship between the variable GDPs per capita and CO2 emissions per capita.

Table 1. The Result of the Stationarity Test

Variabel	Level		1 st Difference	
	ADF	CV (5%)	ADF	CV (5%)
LNCO2	0.44	-2.92	-7.97	-2.92
LNGDP	-0.68	-2.92	-5.07	-2.92
LNTRD	-3.45	-2.92	-8.88	-2.92
LNEU	-1.13	-2.92	-6.20	-2.92

Source: EvIEWS 10, (processed)

Table 2. The Result of the Optimal Lag Length Test

Lag	LogL	LR	FPE	AIC	SC	HQC
0	197.8215	NA	7.27e-10*	-9.691075	-9.522187*	-8.228739
1	209.2934	20.07587	9.16e-10	-9.464672	-8.620232	-9.159349
2	226.3771	20.40089	8.91e-10	-9.518857	-7.998865	-8.969276
3	234.6093	11.11341	1.40e-09	-9.130465	-6.934921	-8.336625
4	244.6894	11.59208	2.15e-09	-8.834468	-5.963373	-7.796371
5	259.3455	13.92331	2.92e-09	-8.767274	-5.220627	-7.484918
6	278.8997	14.66567	3.64e-09	-8.944985	-4.722786	-7.418371
7	315.9922	26.47974*	2.50e-09	-9.999611*	-5.101861	-9.630011*

Source: Eviews 10, (processed)

Table 3. The Result of the Cointegration Test

Hypothesized No. of CE(s)	Eigen value	Trace Statistic	Critical Value 0.05	Prob. **
None *	0.76	91.36	40.17	0.00
At most 1 *	0.42	35.09	24.27	0.00
At most 2 *	0.28	13.19	12.32	0.03
At most 3	0.00	0.28	4.129	0.65

Source: Eviews 10, (processed)

Table 4. The Forecast Error Variance Decomposition Analysis

<i>Variance Decomposition of D(CO2):</i>					
Period	S.E.	D(LNCO2)	D(LNGDP)	D(LNTRD)	D(LNEU)
1	0.112197	100.0000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000
2	0.126139	85.33603	8.439165	2.410410	3.814395
3	0.163739	68.86112	15.74174	1.559205	13.83793
4	0.170430	70.50778	14.63356	1.447884	13.41077
5	0.175649	66.82670	13.77707	2.821589	16.57464
6	0.188611	66.78501	14.61831	3.417781	15.17890
7	0.214198	55.63526	13.57187	3.559021	27.23385
8	0.215955	54.80439	13.36095	4.438323	27.39634
9	0.302813	67.93017	7.517103	2.927303	21.62543
10	0.315720	66.20672	7.234358	5.569955	20.98897

Source: Eviews 10, (processed)

Table 5. The Granger Causality Analysis

Null Hypothesis :	Obs	F-Statistic	F-Statistic
LNGDP does not Granger Cause LNCO2	41	7.75	0.00
LNEU does not Granger Cause LNCO2	41	5.13	0.02
LNCO2 does not Granger Cause LNEU	41	4.3	0.03

Source: Eviews 10, (processed)



Figure 1. Impulse Response Function Analysis
Source: Eviews 10, (processed)

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

In this research, a causal relationship is found in the Granger Causality test between the variables of energy consumption and CO2 emissions per capita. This is in compliance with the hypothesis of research and previous research. This research also identifies a unidirectional of causality relationship between per capita variable GDPs and per capita variable CO2 emissions. In the VECM (Vector Error Correction Model) test, it is shown that the short-term variable, the CO2 emission previous period, economic openness and energy use have shown a major impact in Indonesia over the period 1971-2018 on the carbon CO2 emission variable of the current year. In the long term, economic growth, economic openness and energy consumption have shown a major impact on Indonesia's CO2 emission variables over the period 1971-2018. The response of CO2 emissions to the shock variable of CO2 emissions itself, GDP per capita, trade and EU (energy consumption) varies with the CO2 emissions in Indonesia during the period 1971-2018, based on the results of the IRF test. The highest contribution to CO2 emissions in Indonesia, based on the research findings of the VDC test, is the CO2 emission itself, which contributed 66.20 percent until the end of the period.

The recommendations that can be shared are that The Government of Indonesia should be more worried about the degradation in environmental quality in Indonesia as a result of economic development. On the other hand, in achieving sustainable economic development, the Indonesian Government must immediately use energy resources more efficiently and environmentally friendly because the use of fossil energy sources which still dominates the demand for national energy consumption to produce economic output is the biggest factor causing high levels of carbon dioxide emissions. As well as the Indonesian Government is expected to improve policies that regulate environmental quality improvement, because the existence of good policies can be a foundation for achieving targets in achieving improvement in the quality of the national environment.

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