

Dear Committee,

I think it is imperative that Australia commits itself to environmentally friendly and sustainable energy solutions for our immediate and long term future.

We can no longer deny the effects of manmade climate change, and must move away from fossil fuels.

I believe the Government needs to adopt the following:

- implement emission reduction targets that respond to the climate science
- lead the transition away from gas for Australian households. It is increasingly uneconomic for homes to remain on gas, so governments should be helping consumers achieve both least-cost and low carbon energy supply.
- recognise the full value of distributed energy and storage in the electricity supply chain
- recognise that investment in new coal and gas infrastructure is now considerably more expensive than investment in renewable energy and energy efficiency.

With kind regards,

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