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Senator Urquhart asked:

Based on the Climate Change Authority's draft report and the existing pollution cap recommendations, what pollution cap would apply for the 2014-15 compliance year for the 5 per cent, 15 per cent and 25 per cent target in 2020 if emissions trading commenced one year earlier?

Answer:

The Climate Change Authority's draft Targets and Progress report is based on existing legislative settings. The report presents pollution cap recommendations that would apply in each year from 2015-16 to 2019-20 for the 5 per cent, 15 per cent and 25 per cent 2020 target range consistent with the existing clean energy legislation.

The Australian Government has introduced legislation to repeal the carbon tax from 1 July 2014. Under the Government's Direct Action Plan, pollution caps will not apply to Australia's domestic emissions.