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Senator Urquhart asked:

Will the analysis of direct action demonstrate how it will meet our 2030 and 2050 targets, such as the 80 per cent reduction by 2050?

Answer:

The Australian Government has committed to reduce Australia's emissions to five per cent below 2000 levels by 2020 through its Direct Action Plan.

Currently the Government is designing the policy parameters for the Emissions Reduction Fund, a central element of the Direct Action Plan. The Government has sought stakeholder views through a Terms of Reference document and released a Green Paper for further consultation.

The Government will review its climate change policy in 2015. The 2015 review, along with the outcome of international climate change negotiations, will inform the Government's decisions about the post-2020 architecture of the Direct Action Plan.