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Senator Urquhart asked:

The Commonwealth, States and Territories ended a number of greenhouse gas measures because they are not complementary to the carbon price, are any of these measures going to be reinstated if the Clean Energy Act is repealed? Does this make the abatement task harder?

Answer:

The most recent projections of Australia's greenhouse emissions indicate that the abatement task to achieve Australia's 5 per cent below 2000 levels target is less than previous estimates. Please refer to *Australia's Abatement Task and 2013 Emissions Projections* for more information, available at <http://www.environment.gov.au/resource/australias-abatement-task-and-2013-emissions-projections>.

The Australian Government is currently developing a suite of measures under the Direct Action Plan to meet Australia's emissions reduction target, and is engaging with States and Territories throughout the development of its new policy measures. Decisions on State and Territory programs are the responsibility of the jurisdictional governments.