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Dear Dr Jensen

I refer to your letter of 19 October 2015 concerning petition 1007/1593 on the issue of the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.

On 11 August 2015, the Government announced that Australia will reduce emissions to 26-28 per cent below 2005 levels by 2030. This target is strong and responsible. It is in step with the efforts of other developed countries, and takes into account Australia's national circumstances.

Australia's 2030 target builds on our 2020 target of 5 per cent below 2000 levels, which is equivalent to 13 per cent below 2005 levels. Australia is on track to meet this target.

The Government will meet Australia's targets through direct action approaches that provide positive incentives to reduce emissions, while enhancing productivity. The Emissions Reduction Fund will be central to this effort, complemented by the Renewable Energy Target, measures to improve energy and vehicle efficiency and action to reduce emissions from harmful hydro-fluorocarbons.

Yours sincerely

Greg Hunt