

**TO THE HONOURABLE THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF  
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

*This petition of members of the Curtin electorate in Western Australia draws to the attention of the House that:*

- (1) *The consensus of the international community (including Australia) is that in order to avoid the most damaging and irreversible effects of climate change, the increase in global warming must not exceed 2°C above pre-industrial levels;*
- (2) *The delegate countries to the UN climate change conference in Paris in late 2015 have been asked to submit their binding emissions reduction targets by June 2015;*
- (3) *Major emitters in the developed and developing world such as the USA, European Union and China have already committed to extensive emissions reduction targets far exceeding those of Australia;*
- (4) *To play its part in achieving the 2°C target specified in (1), Australia needs to make a binding commitment to significant reductions in its emissions (including those attributable to the burning of exported fossil fuels); and*
- (5) *In October 2014 the Climate Institute recommended the following reductions:*
  - a. *19% on 2000 levels by 2020;*
  - b. *40% on 2000 levels by 2025; and*
  - c. *65% -75% on 2000 levels by 2035.*

**We therefore ask the House to:**

**Submit to the UN by June 2015 Australia's binding commitment to reduce its emissions by amounts that are in line with the recommendations of the Climate Institute in order to avoid more than 2°C global warming above pre-industrial levels.**