



The Hon Greg Hunt MP
Minister for the Environment



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Dr Dennis Jensen MP
Chair
Standing Committee on Petitions
House of Representatives
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

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Dear Dr Jensen

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I refer to your letter of 15 June 2015 concerning a petition on the issue of global warming and Australia's post-2020 greenhouse gas emissions reduction target.

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 RET, measures to improve energy and vehicle efficiency, and action to reduce emissions from harmful hydro-fluorocarbons.

More information on Australia's 2030 target is available on the Department's website at: <http://www.environment.gov.au/climate-change/international>; and on the website of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet at: <http://www.dpmc.gov.au/taskforces/unfccc>.

Thank you for writing on this matter.

Yours sincerely

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