

CLIMATE ACTION PETITION

TO THE HONOURABLE THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

This petition of concerned citizens of Australia draws to the attention of the House: That the Australian Government is required to advise the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) by April 2014 of the target emission reductions which it will commit to by 2020. Currently the Australian Government commitment is to a 5% reduction of emissions against 2000 levels. However the Climate Change Authority has stated:

A 5 per cent target would leave such large reductions for later that future Australians would either face a very large emissions reduction task or have to abandon the long term national emissions budget. This is inequitable in the first case and against Australia's national interest in the second

It is imperative that we keep emissions to a level that ensures less than 2 degrees of warming by 2050 and does not place impossible burdens on future families, jobs and the economy.

We therefore ask the House to adopt an emissions target for 2020 of 40% below 2000 levels and to advise the UNFCCC of this commitment .