Climate Change (National Framework for Adaptation and Mitigation) Bill 2020 and Climate Change (National Framework for Adaptation and Mitigation) (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2020 Submission 890

We didn't inherit the earth, we borrowed itfrom our children.

Having had cause to review Australia's position on climate change and reference that position against other OECD and G20 countries I'm now awake to how far we lag behind. I was vaguely aware of climate issues in the '90's, curious in the 2000's, educated in the 2010's and embarrassed by 2020. Where we have an opportunity to transform, to "Build back better", to adapt and, above all, to lead, we shrug our shoulders and shirk our responsibilities...From whence comes that right?

We, who have benefited hugely from earth's bounty have a duty of stewardship which we're not only not accepting and failing at but abdicating to others.....other countries, other continents and other generations. They are listening to the science on the environment, just like we listened to the science on Covid. That worked.

Last to transition to a better world will pay the price....particularly economically. It's not something that can be switched on at a time of our choosing, it's a strategy, it's a build, it's serious ideological change but...unavoidable...We actually don't have the choice, we just think we do. Other jurisdictions will make the choice for themselves and, by extension, for us.

I want to live in a society over an economy but I think both are possible so please grasp the unavoidable and hugely beneficial change. Grab it early, support this bill and make this country better.