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Senator Urquhart asked:

Does the government agree the government's 2030 emission reduction targets (26%-28% on 2005 levels) are inadequate to meet Australia's obligations under the Paris Agreement, implying that over time Australia is obliged to provide updated and more ambitious targets through the Paris 'ratchet mechanism'?

Answer:

Australia's 2030 target to reduce emissions to 26 to 28 per cent below 2005 levels is among the highest in the OECD and consistent with Australia's obligations under the Paris Agreement.

Under the Paris Agreement, all parties are required to take measures to mitigate climate change. Parties are obligated to prepare nationally determined contributions (i.e. emissions reduction pledges) every five years. Under the Paris Agreement each new contribution must represent a progression beyond previous contributions. Like all other parties to the Agreement, Australia will submit a post-2030 target in 2025.