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Senator Urquhart asked:

1. Reputex has provided some recent projections (August 2015) on emissions out to 2020 and 2030. Those projections post-date the revised RET and the ERF auction. Reputex projects 2020 emissions to be 613mt, which is 10% above 2000 levels rather than 5 per cent below. Can you explain this discrepancy?

Answer:

Reputex projects that Australia's emissions will be 613 Mt CO₂-e in 2020. This is equivalent to 10 per cent above 2000 levels. This projection does not take into account abatement from the Emissions Reduction Fund, or any other new climate change policies the Government may introduce. The gap between projected emissions and the target in 2020 represents the work that the Emissions Reduction Fund and other policies will have to do for Australia to achieve its 2020 target.