

To Senators on the Senate Select Committee on Climate Policy,

I wish to make a submission on the ETS and my strong objection to the minimal 5% by 2020.

I note Kevin Rudd's comments today on the radio that he is not certain its a good thing to do during the economic recession that we're now facing. Contrary to that cop out comment, this is EXACTLY the time we should be making this target and instead of 5% it should be 100% as Australia is in a unique position of having an incredible amount of sun available and mostly going to waste on most Australian roofs.

There is an incredibly large industry that can be built out of the closure of the coal industry in Australia. If coal industry subsidies are taken away from the equation you can see quite quickly that the cost of solar power, and solar hot water are very economical and our next stimulus package should be installing these on EVERY roof in Australia.

We have to get real about this. Whether you believe in Climate Change or not, the question still remains that with peak oil already here, we should be starting to re-tool our economy and our environment to be oil free BEFORE we become the slaves to fighting over the last of the supplies.

We should be better than this and should be putting what the Australian public voted for at the last election into play; the fact the Australian's ARE READY to make the sacrifices to make this happen; provided its not a public reduction to allow polluters to continue in their bad ways - as long as the coal industry subsidies are removed. They could provide so much more infrastructure for sustainable (green) industries to get up and running and the coal industry shut down and the people retrained in these new skills required to move to this sustainable industry (wind, solar and geothermal).

Australia needs a strong, ambitious and fair emissions trading scheme, not a plan that protects polluters and stands in the way of the change we need.

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