

To Senators on the Senate Select Committee on Climate Policy,

The proposed Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme target of 5% below 2000 levels by 2020 is too low to make any appreciable difference. If this target were adopted by the rest of the world, it would result in climate catastrophe.

It is just a nominal gesture by our Government to make it appear that Australia is addressing its greenhouse emissions, whilst preserving the interests of the biggest industrial polluters.

The compensation proposal rewards major emitters rather than discouraging them and it is a disincentive to the community, since any measures taken by individuals to address their rate of emissions only benefits the big emitters.

When campaigning to win government, Kevin Rudd promised to make climate change a top priority if he were elected. He and his government have not kept faith with the voters who elected them.

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