

To Senators on the Senate Select Committee on Climate Policy,

I'm no expert and don't pretend to understand the complexities of the entire climate change issue (lets face it... does anyone?)

However what is patently clear to me is that we must immediately reduce our emissions. Serious, radical change must be made now. The yell that keeps going out from industry & business is that any change will cost jobs.

Yes, change will cost jobs, old-world jobs, dinosaur jobs in industries that won't acknowledge that in their death-throws they are taking us with them.

As jobs are lost new ones will be created in emerging fields. It won't be a smooth or perfect transition but it's better than the alternative because lets face it, the alternative is quite realistically the end of the economy (and possibly even society) as we know it. No environment, no economy. Pretty simple really. Sound melodramatic? Well, you know, I've always been one to prepare for the worst-case scenario. That way you come through no matter what.

Right now our elected leaders seem to be preparing for summer showers while a catastrophic cyclone is bearing down on us.

The proposed programme is too weak, industry will milk it for all it's worth and when the average homeowner realises that their hard work in reducing emissions is achieving nought they will stop trying.

We elected our 'leaders' to make the right decisions. Sometime these are the hard decisions and they can be the unpopular ones. But make them they must.

If these hard decisions, the right decisions, aren't made then I ask that our leaders explain to my 4 year old daughter why they decided that her future and the future of her generation means less than their present.

Don't let us down. There will be no second chances in this game.

Yours sincerely,

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