

To Senators on the Senate Select Committee on Climate Policy,

My family and I have gone to considerable effort and expense to reduce our carbon emissions, such as installing a solar water heater and photovoltaic grid interactive solar panels. We think it is scandalous that the government's proposed carbon trading scheme would not take such efforts into consideration, and that they would in fact allow polluters to pollute more. Such efforts should be encouraged by the government, not undermined by such poor policy. The target could be on a sliding scale, which increases in proportion to efforts made by households. A target of 5 - 15% is clearly far too weak, given the evidence that abounds on the consequences of inadequate action. Australia is said to be one of the countries which is to be hardest hit by climate change, so it is imperative that we take decisive leadership in this crisis.

Yours sincerely,  
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