

To Senators on the Senate Select Committee on Climate Policy,

I cannot express how disappointed I am with the Governments climate policy. The seem to be designed to maintain the Coal industry in Australia.

Climate change means that the coal industry must be dismantled. We can either do it now carefully and replace it with a clean green industry that makes Australia a leader in the world - an opportunity that even now is slipping away from us - or we can wait for the rest of the world to no longer want our coal and loose our coal export industry that way, or even worse want our coal and ruin the climate at huge economic cost - and loose far more than just our coal derived income.

I've already seen engineering friends of mine attempt to get clean renewable industries established here only to be offered jobs overseas too good to refuse (e.g. Ausra Pty Ltd should be a Proud Australian Success Story. Instead all the glory goes to a Republican Governor in California.)

Now I find out that the government plans not only to hobble any private small scale renewable energy efforts with it's horrible RECS scheme that will effectively allow polluters to emit many times more green house gasses than the install will save, but that it's also effectively preventing any industrial size schemes having any effect either.

Please look at the science of this situation, not the politics. Listen to the experts who offer their advice to you during this inquiry, listen to the people of Australia and make the right decision in your recommendations.

Climate Change Minister Penny Wong has described the CPRS as 'better than nothing', but she is wrong. It is worse than useless.

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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