

To Senators on the Senate Select Committee on Climate Policy :

I am in no way convinced that emissions trading will actually reduce emissions particularly with the weak targets set.

A carbon tax is the only way to introduce a completely different economic value scale- the only one if we are to evade the worst climatic effects. We need inspired leadership from the top. Individuals are already doing what they can, but that can only make a limited difference.

Global atmospheric concentrations of greenhouse gases at 450 very soon are quite likely. At that level catastrophic changes become unstoppable.

It is crazy that businesses can still call the shots and direct governments to the degree they do. The people representing them will be cushioned with high CEO payments and escape to wherever life is comfortable. The rest of us will have to cope.

In the meantime companies who do offer solutions cannot make a living, give up or go abroad.

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.

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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