

To Senators on the Senate Select Committee on Climate Policy,

For the sake of my future children and grandchildren, I believe the following actions must start NOW in order for our future as Australians to remain free and prosperous for generations to come. In addition to 40% carbon emissions reductions by 2020, the Australian government has a responsibility to its citizens to:

1. Begin the phasing out our reliance on coal and begin utilising only sustainable, clean energy options. Workers in the coal industry should be retrained in these new energy sectors.
2. Utilise Australia's vast space and abundant sunshine to make solar power the #1 contributor to our future energy needs. Money should be invested to perfect the technology immediately.
3. Make urban city centres more centralised, and more conducive to bicycle and public transport options to reduce our reliance on car transportation.
4. Invest in the development of hybrid cars and cleaner fuel sources.
5. Educate business and the general public that a sustainable future is a group effort - EVERYONE must play their part, and no-one should be encouraged to pollute just because someone else is offsetting it.

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