

To Senators on the Senate Select Committee on Climate Policy,

I believe that the emissions trading system that the government legislates for should include the following aspects:

- A target to reduce Australia's carbon emissions to 40% below 2000 levels by 2020.
- It should not give so much public money and free permits to the major polluters but instead allocate more money to assist householders and clean industries.
- It should take into account voluntary emission reductions from the community.
- It should stand alongside other measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, such as a mandatory renewable energy target, a renewable energy feed-in tariff, energy efficiency standards for homes and commercial buildings, fuel efficiency standards and investment in trains, buses and trams. Furthermore, there should be a complete and immediate ending of the logging of Australia's native forests, as this would reduce Australia's emissions by substantially more than 5%.

I don't believe that what the government has put forward includes what I have listed above, so I hope that this committee can recommend these changes and that the Senate can then pass the legislation with these amendments and return it to the House of Representatives. The Australian people voted at the 2007 election for serious action on climate change, not weak action that protects the polluting industries and threatens our future wellbeing.

I hope you accept my submission in good faith.

Yours faithfully

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