

To Senators on the Senate Select Committee on Climate Policy,

The government is wrong to think that the people of Australia are not prepared to make any sacrifices to achieve carbon reductions. Many of us see catastrophe approaching and are desperate to help avert it but we recognise that this can only be achieved through setting high standards for business and industry and investing in alternative energy and technology. The 5 - 15% reductions that Labour are aiming for by 2020 is hugely disappointing and creates a mood of gloom and resignation. Let's have a challenging target to work towards which will energise us and give us hope instead of the current proposals which will see our efforts at energy reduction as private citizens benefiting the biggest industrial emitters. 40% by 2020 should be the goal for us all. If we slip a bit then there is still hope but with the current government plan we are doomed to failure before we even begin.

Sincerely

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