

To Senators on the Senate Select Committee on Climate Policy,

I call on all Senators to reject the Rudd Government's Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme, and to act to have the recommendations of the Garnaut Report acted upon.

As an Australian living overseas, I can tell you that the world is indeed watching what Australia does on climate change. We are seen as a country used to "punching above its weight" on many issues, and in many endeavors. We have a unique opportunity to show environmental leadership here, and I would encourage you to do so.

I am a small business owner, and I have acted to reduce my carbon footprint as much as possible. It meant investment, adjustment, and a small reduction in my bottom line. But it is a cost I am happy to bear.

I would like the Senators to recommend to the Government, that, in light of the economic difficulties faced at this time, this is a time of opportunity, to change from our polluting practices, to using renewable energy, shifting to more energy efficiency and clean transport.

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