

To Senators on the Senate Select Committee on Climate Policy,

You have the fate of at least the next seven generations in your hands. The evidence is strong, the need for action undeniable. Just do it!!! Mistakes will be made but the stakes are too high to stuff around any longer. A five percent reduction is absolutely pathetic. We could reach 50% in 5 years if we had real leaders.

The time for action on climate change is rapidly running out. The economic system is due for a complete overhaul anyway so use the opportunity to move to a carbon based economy. Australia is well placed to lead the way in fuel produced from algae. We have plenty of salty and low quality water which can be used and open spaces with lots of sunlight. This can fuel much of our transport and power needs until we perfect other non carbon based energy sources and slow down the amount of carbon released into the atmosphere.

We have not even begun the task of drawing down the surplus carbon already emitted.

Stop mucking around and rewarding the polluters! Just put a tax on carbon emissions and let market forces sort it out. The average voter and consumer are willing to do their bit but not if they see big business getting subsidised. We prefer to buy and eat locally produced food then pay for products from the other side of the country or world. If people want products which have a high carbon cost then they will pay the tax.

This government was elected with a mandate to fix climate change it is now time to pay the dues. Five percent!!!! What a joke!!!!

Awaiting real action.

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