

To Senators on the Senate Select Committee on Climate Policy,

The Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme (CPRS) proposed by the Government is marred by too low a target. It also appears to reward the polluters instead of making them pay for their pollution. Instead, we should be rewarding those industries that develop clean sources of power. Householders and communities should also be rewarded for reducing emissions. Every little helps.

The idea of reducing Australia's carbon emissions to 5% below 2000 levels by 2020 is pathetic. We need to reduce our emissions by at least 25%, and quickly. We should also be revising our energy efficiency standards and improving public transport so we can get more cars off the road.

If we really want to limit the damage caused by climate change we need to move towards carbon neutrality as fast as possible. Please listen to the experts and look objectively at the situation. Nothing less than the future of this already stressed country is at stake. If our grandchildren and great-grandchildren are to have a future in Australia, we must care for the environment by guarding against the worst effects of climate change and encouraging everyone from politicians and big business down to the youngest school child to be aware of the danger and take every possible action to protect our future.

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