

I am writing wrt the CPRS to express my disappointment with regard to the currently proposed scheme. I am particularly disappointed with the low targets that have been proposed and the extent of support being offered to sustain highly polluting industries in the short term. We are already so far behind the rest of the world in terms of developing clean energy industries thanks to our lack of action during the past 10 years. Please put that short sighted and narrow thinking behind you as you deliberate these policies and turn your attention instead to the possibilities of creating industries and initiatives that the Australian people can be proud of. Instead of leading the world in emissions, and continuing to degrade our sense of self-respect, allow us to think of ourselves as responsible members of the world community again: far-sighted, courageous and caring for future generations. Employment is critical but it is possible to sustain high levels of employment with innovative thinking about new industries. I respect the difficulties you must all face in reconciling all the competing interests however I implore you to spend some time thinking of what it will be like for our children and grandchildren if current trends continue.

Excessively warm regards,
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