

To Senators on the Senate Select Committee on Climate Policy,

If ordinary citizens were encouraged and rewarded for putting in the carbon reduction measures we already know about and want to do, this would force business to keep their workforce to produce the products that support this push, and gradually eliminate the need for them to continue to pollute.

The economic downturn is an opportunity for this. If we've squandered all that "notional" money to buy more or less unnecessary goods, The countries that produce them won't need the energy and materials to make them, so we needn't dig up Australia to provide them. The trees will grow, the rain will fall, the earth will cool down. Millions of workers around the world will be required for all this environmentally-sustainable effort. Voltaire said cultivate your garden. He wasn't joking.

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