

To Senators on the Senate Select Committee on Climate Policy,

The 5% target is pathetic and negligent toward future generations and the environment.

Big polluters should not get one cent of compensation. The whole point of the policy is to provide a financial incentive to be less polluting! Greenhouse polluting consumption must be heavily penalised to change both corporate and consumer behaviour.

End the expansion of coal exports and phase out coal exports and coal fire-power within 10 years. Coal is the number one culprit.

No one, especially parliamentarian can claim ignorance as an excuse now. The science says we must act swiftly and decisively or we will hit tipping points and we can kiss good bye to civilisation.

I suggest that Senators read Jared Diamond's book Collapse and learn from past civilisation's mistakes. It can all fall apart rapidly. Read Mark Lynas' Six Degrees. Wake up to the ecological reality!

Minor disruptions to our global systems will have major repercussions.

Climate change policy is the issue you will all be judged on eventually. This is your chance to act in favour of humanity and the planet. Don't let us down.

We need a massive combined effort similar to World War II to restructure our entire economy on renewable energy.

You should aim for 70% reduction by 2020 and then zero emissions by 2030. You should also start geoengineering projects to start sequestering carbon.

I'm tired of talk about targets, schemes and most of all I'm tired of this dangerous bull shit about 'clean' coal. I want money spent on installing wind turbines, solar power, geothermal, a new electricity grid, and energy efficiency. Just get on with it already! There are no more excuses.

The economy of the future is a green economy. Start the restructure with strong government guidance now and Australia will be an economic winner. Keep subsidising fossil fuels and you will be condemned for tying the economy to a dying technology and economic and environmental failure.

Senators, are you brave enough to do the right thing?

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