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Dear Mr. Hawkins,

I am a Registered Nurse living in Darwin in the Northern Territory. Due to my work background I have a strong interest in health outcomes for all people. If I can influence healthy actions in my community and more broadly this will decrease the burden on the health system and the stress that I encounter in my work life.

I would like the Senate Select Committee on Climate Policy to consider my concerns in regard to Climate Change and the action that the Federal Government is taking to mitigate its impacts through the proposed Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme (CPRS). The current CPRS contains fundamental flaws that mean Australia's emissions could actually rise and thus continue and increase the threat that Climate Change has on Australians health and that of the global community. I would like to see the legislation redesigned into a meaningful scheme that will actively reduce emissions and show Australia as a leader in the climate change movement.

I have been concerned about climate change for many years and am doing my bit to decrease my day-to-day emissions. Recently, I signed onto the NT Green Power scheme. I am very disappointed to hear that my individual efforts will be negated by the proposed CPRS and will free up more permits for heavily polluting industries. I believe that heavily polluting industries should not receive further subsidies but should have a carbon tax applied that will encourage consumers to direct the economy to a low carbon one. The current subsidies they receive should also be phased out.

I believe that Australia's new economic future should be based around a renewable energy industry to create green jobs and design low carbon energy solutions that can be exported to the rest of the world. I believe that Australia should aim to have 100% of its electricity supply from renewable energy.

In my job as a Registered Nurse I have a duty of care to all people I care for to carefully consider my actions so they do not cause harm or exacerbate any existing problems. I call on all the law makers of this country to consider their duty of care to the citizens of Australia, take heed of the current scientific evidence that suggests that we must rapidly decrease the greenhouse gases we produce and devise a scheme that puts the health of people before the profits of carbon intensive industries.

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