

Dear Secretary of Senate Select Committee,

I am worried by the lack of decisive action in the proposed Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme. The CPRS emissions target are drastically low. A target of 40% emissions reduction by 2020 and zero net emissions as soon as possible is needed to prevent atmospheric CO2 concentrations from rising to level certain catastrophic levels.

Keeping CO2 concentration as low as possible should be a goal, anything over 400 ppm will result in disasterous sea level rise and changes in weather patterns will hotter, drier conditions for almost every region of Australia, displacing countless species of flora and fauna and changing the productivity of agricultural land.

A truly effective CPRS would incorporate a cap and slice system whereby the emission savings that everyday Australians make contribute to further overall emission reductions rather than making it easier for industry to pollute.

The global financial crisis may result in many people losing their jobs, however, it also presents an opportunity to create a new sustainable energy sector. We have the technology, we need the willpower to start the revolution.

If we fail to take decisive action now then we cannot be sure that future generations will be able to live a world like the one that we are accustomed to.

Yours sincerely,  
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