

To Senators on the Senate Select Committee on Climate Policy,

We've all felt extremely helpless watching the unfolding development of the CPRS. After removing a government in 2007 that demonstrated zero initiative in reducing carbon emissions, we have seen it replaced by one that is 5% committed. That is to say, another 18 months have gone down the drain.

Ultimately, current energy policy can only be seen as temporary because it is based on non-renewable resources. We may procrastinate, burying the carbon dioxide emitted from 'clean-coal' generation while the oil runs out, but the only thing that qualifies as a solution is 100% renewable energy. Is this flagrant idealism? For the sake of humanity we'd better hope not.

The globe is already warming up; we have already passed the peak of oil production. We live in the wealthiest sector of this earth, so we have an obligation to the rest. Let's start now!

Please set a standard for the world to follow with a 40% reduction of greenhouse gas emissions by 2020. Within the carbon-trading scheme, please separate the industrial sector such that domestic reductions on individual initiative do not become worthless. Finally, and maybe most important of all, stop paying our taxpayer dollars subsidising those industries destroying our children's future prosperity: the car industry, the miners and the power generators. These billions, and those billions thrown away in vote-buying cash-grant 'economic stimulus' measures, are urgently needed to construct renewable energy plants and for further research and development.

Some common sense and some courage is all that is needed. Show some leadership!

Sincerely,

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