

Dear Sir/Madam

The members of Jamberoo FutureCare would like to express major disappointment at the revelation that our individual efforts to reduce our carbon footprint are not going to add to Australia's total reduction in emissions.

Our small community group has worked hard over the last 2 years, to raise awareness of the need for us all to reduce our greenhouse emissions. We have actively encouraged and facilitated ways for people to achieve a lower carbon polluting lifestyle. Through events like;

- An open house tour to showcase household initiatives.
- Information stall outside the local store.
- We have surveyed every home in Jamberoo and have established a supporter base of 230 homes.
- Organising a "Switch to Solar" project resulting in a significant number of locals residents installing solar hot water systems.
- Just last week we held two solar power information sessions, with the aim of educating and empowering residents to make the change.

The Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme in its current form removes any incentive for individual action. It will simply make it easier for polluting industries to increase their emissions. The 800,000 plus people, who have signed up for Green Power schemes, will also be disenfranchised, as this program will cease to have any impact.

We are devastated that our efforts are not being recognised as an additional contribution to a greener Australia. We are dismayed that the promise of the Rudd Labour Government to act on climate change is prioritising the interests of industry lobby groups over sustainable energy choices by individual voters. We are horrified that initiatives to expand renewable energy industries are being sidelined.

The voluntary schemes and efforts being undertaken by countless concerned citizens, responsible businesses, local and state governments to reduce energy use and emissions will free up permits to be handed over to the big polluters or be used by people choosing to continue to live emissions intense and unsustainable lifestyles at the expense of others in their community.

We cannot state more strongly that we consider the proposed Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme a major disappointment. We need a more sustainable economy capable of protecting our most valuable public asset, our environment for current and future generations.

We resolved to continue with our efforts to set an example of what can be achieved locally and trust that you will support our efforts. Please ensure that under the CPRS individual, community, and all government emissions reduction efforts contribute to additional emissions abatement. Such actions should lower emissions, not lower carbon prices.

Yours sincerely

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On behalf of Jamberoo FutureCare