

I believe that the Government's climate policy is seriously flawed, and wish the following points to be taken into consideration in reviewing the Government's pollution reduction targets and its proposed CPRS legislation: -

1. A 5-15% target has been shown to be well below what is required internationally to avoid dangerous climate change.
2. The Federal Government have an election commitment to be leaders in greenhouse gas reduction.
3. The proposed CPRS legislation permits polluters to INCREASE greenhouse gas emissions by the amounts that responsible businesses and individuals REDUCE their impact.
4. Australia is seen as a policy leader at present. What image will a weak target create internationally.
5. Australia has the opportunity to develop new technologies in renewable energy and greenhouse gas abatement with funding from economic stimulation efforts.
6. Current findings of unexpected acceleration of climate change in Arctic and Antarctic ice melts mean pollution reduction targets need to be INCREASED rather than reduced below previous scientifically agreed levels.
7. As a nation, and hence through our elected representatives, we have a moral imperative to err on the side of caution for the sake of the planet and future generations.

Sincerely and urgently,
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