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Dear Mr Rudd

Today I heard on the ABC radio news that tomorrow the senate is hearing from top climate scientists as well as big polluters about climate change. It seemed to me that those two scientists were not particularly well educated about climate change and I would question their credentials and who they truly represent.

Please listen to the greater majority of the scientific world. With all the evidence, how can they possibly claim that climate change is not human induced. Your carbon pollution reduction scheme is far too low. 5 to 15% is like a fat man losing 5 kg. If your going to do something, do it properly, we need at least 30% to start with and then ongoing increased targets into the future. In this year alone we have witnessed the destructive forces of climate change, listen to mother earth and listen to your own scientists. (1)

Most of the Australian public agree with increasing targets, we want change, but need regulation to get the ball rolling. We are all caught in the carbon trap and want and need to move on. It is proven already that green alternatives offer jobs, this is the perfect time to start anew - when people are losing jobs give them an alternative..... A FRESH START. (2)

Your proposed Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme will see us the not so rich taxpayers funding the companies that are much the blame for climate change. Approx \$9 billion in three years CANNOT be justified. Please review your scheme so that user pays and stop big business loading the problems of climate change onto us. Instead give us some alternatives. 9 billion can go along way toward a new way of living.

Don't listen to big business, we have had enough of them running our world. You were voted for by the people, please listen to the voices of the not so rich but oh so many. We want and need big change right NOW..... the world cannot wait much longer!!!

Thankyou.

**[1] A joint CSIRO/Bureau of Meteorology study of the impact of climate change in bushfires found parts of Victoria faced up to 65% more days of extreme fire risk by 2020 and 230% more by mid-century.**

**[2] According to CSIRO economic modeling, 2.7 million new jobs will be created in Australia by 2025 if we set course to become carbon neutral by 2050.**