

To Senators on the Senate Select Committee on Climate Policy,

I'm opposed to paying existing polluters any form of compensation, this type of policy is simply madness, by all means help the workers, but not the corporations - this is just an example of weak policy - you need to start standing up for the earth, our water, our air, our fish, birds and animals, our trees...for example, you could probably meet your 5% target for about 5% of the budget you currently use on advertising - there really are some simple ways to get this done. You could stop logging our native forests in South East Australia instead of giving them away at bargain basement prices to loggers and then not counting the carbon actually involved.....this is madness.

I think 5% reduction target is way too low, you should be looking at 50% as a starting point and make it fast. I have been doing some trials of houses in my neighbourhood and 25% saving is pretty straightforward in a 12 month period, 50% over 2 years is achievable with some support - this is where your funds should be directed - the encouragement to get started and the support to stick at it. Set up a decent measurement process that includes all our carbon emissions, not just the ones that are easy to count.

How about we just stop making and importing fuel/emission hungry cars?

Whatever you decide to do, do it now and do it fast - we actually need some action...and don't lock us in to any ridiculously low targets. There are solutions for most of problems right now, we're just not using them because somehow they get changed between entering your doors and leaving them, perhaps you should solve that riddle.....great idea inbad idea out...how does that happen and who is involved in changing all of this.

Thank you for your time
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