

Dear Secretary of Senate Select Committee,

Thank you for giving me an opportunity to contribute to the Senate Inquiry. Australia must do its fair share to prevent catastrophic climate change and a 5 - 10 % reduction is not a fair share.

Australia has huge potential to harness renewable energy resources. By investing in renewable energy research, Australia would be investing in the future. We could become the Saudi Arabia of renewable energy!

Clean coal is unlikely to work and it certainly isn't going to work in time. Anyway, it's not sustainable long term - one day we're going to have to give up our addiction. Why does the Government persist with coal against the will of the majority? Government was elected on environmental grounds, I believe.

Green is the new black, as they say. The carbon economy is a has-been. Out with the coal and in with the solar, wind and geothermal.

It is in our best interests to have happy, healthy neighbours; but the Pacific Islands are already being affected. If times are too tough for altruism, remember that poverty, injustice and inequality breeds societal problems even on a global scale.

An effective CPRS must include:

- \* Emission reduction targets of at least 40% below 1990 levels by 2020
- \* Permits must be auctioned instead of being handed free to big polluters. Auctioning permits provides an effective market-based price signal to big polluters to reduce their greenhouse pollution.
- \* There should be no price ceiling, and penalty rates should be set at a limit to encourage compliance and to reflect the true cost of carbon. Sir Nicholas Stern has estimated this at AUD\$120 a tonne.
- \* Revenue generated from these auctions must be used to restructure our economy and meet our international obligations including assisting developing countries to adapt to climate change.

Yours sincerely,  
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