

Senators  
Greetings

Its imperative that Australia adopt a scheme similar to that proposed by the Rudd Government, but the legislation you are reviewing could certainly be improved.

Areas in which I hope you will be able to suggest improvement include:

- a significant increase in the proposed levels of carbon emission reduction.
- ways in which personal actions to reduce emissions can be counted in the targets
- reduction in the access to off-shore permits.

The current proposal falls significantly short of the governments stated aim of matching the Australian response to the available science. As many and recent reports have shown, the need for action is immediate. And that action needs to be at the least in the area of a 30 to 40 percent reduction by 2020.

In 2007 Australia voted for *STRONG* action on Climate Change. This was an informed vote, cast by people who realise change is necessary, and that the threat is imminent. There is currently a *Global Economic Crisis*, this cannot be seen or used as an excuse to delay action. As you are no doubt aware, *CSIRO* economic modelling indicates that moving to a Carbon Neutral economy will create over 2.7 Million jobs by 2025. At least it could if Australia acts decisively, and becomes a leader in climate reform and the new renewable energy technology.

Alternately, Australia could proceed with the proposed, weak scheme. Delay its introduction. Be a follower, hindering the global effort. We can remain the world quarry, for a time. The problem with that is, quarries inevitably end as land-fill sites.

Not what we want as our legacy to future generations.

Regards.

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