

Dear Secretary of Senate Select Committee,

I am aware of the present situation on the Carteret Islands, 100 kms. off the coast of Bougainville, PNG. Their land has at present been inundated by sea water, resulting in an inability to grow crops. They live on fish and coconuts and rice they receive intermittently by the government. Plans are being put into place to relocate the islanders to Bougainville- no easy task as there is no money to buy land and Bougainville is a devastated community as a result of years of conflict, fighting, violence and killing.

They are not responsible for their plight and whereas we cannot undo what we and other developed countries have done, we can put in place an effective CPRS to take the world into the future. The present CPRS is flawed, an effective one needs to be put into place, starting with emission reduction targets of at least 40% below 1990 levels by 2020, so as to avoid dangerous climate change.

I appreciate the opportunity to give you my thoughts and hope the Senate inquiry results in Australia doing our fair share.

Yours sincerely,
Helen Hill