

The Senate Select Committee on Climate Policy
Parliament House
Canberra 2600

Dear Senators

Please do not agree to Kevin Rudd's Carbon Emissions Trading Scheme in its present, inadequate and counter-productive form.

We need stronger targets and actions which will help protect our planet from further irreversible Climate Change, and we have no more time to waste.

The Howard Government was criticised for denying and delaying action on Climate Change for ten years. The Rudd Government was elected on a promise to take this issue seriously but has been bitterly disappointing in its pathetically inadequate and tokenistic response.

I feel sickened hearing of the billions of dollars being thrown around in response to the Economic Crisis – when the real crisis - Climate Change – has far more serious implications for all of us, yet remains on the backburner, again.

How many bush-fires, floods, droughts and other “once-in-100 year” extreme climate episodes do we have to endure before this government takes this issue seriously?

A sensible Climate Change Policy will protect our environment, our way of life, and our economy. Australia must show leadership in this issue, not only are we among the biggest offenders but we have the most to lose by allowing business as usual.

The Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme in its current proposed form is ineffective and inadequate. Implementing this scheme will squander what seems like our last chance to avoid irreparable damage to our atmosphere, seas, land and climate.

We owe it to future generations to take meaningful action now before it is too late.

Yours sincerely

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