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As an Australian citizen, but more importantly a citizen of the world - I would like to express my deep concern and appall at the pathetic targets set by the Rudd Government. As a government that was elected committed to lowering Australia's ghg emissions, and promising strong action on climate change these targets are a joke. Our pacific neighbours would be doomed to eminent destruction, if these targets are to be accepted as targets to help climate change. As a rich nation, and as the World's largest polluter on a per capita basis, we have a responsibility to take REAL and substantial action. This is an absolute disgrace, and in terms of international negotiations - Australia has been publicly shamed and embarrassed.

The International Panel on Climate change recommends a cut of 25% - 40% by developed nations. 5 - 15 % is far too weak, and if the rest of the world adopted similar targets - the future of the planet would be doomed - with human induced climate change becoming catastrophic. It is imperative that we pull our weight within these global negotiations, and give our neighbours and the planet a 'fair go' - after all it is our home, and without it is not only the environment that will suffer, but the top of the food chain - being the human race. Australia will see more deadly bushfires, flooding and cyclones to say the least. The lost of biodiversity would also have extreme consequences for Australia.

Big polluting companies can NOT get a free ride under the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme. Again this is about a 'fair go' for all, and under the government commissioned report by Ross Garnaut he strongly recommended against giving polluting companies any 'free-rides'. Where is the government if they do not even listen to their own advisor? This will see Australian taxpayers funding the activities of companies that are fuelling climate change to the tune of \$9 billion in the next three years. That's over \$1000 for every household in Australia. The scheme must be fixed by the Senate this year to stop big business from loading the problem of climate change onto everyone else.

Also, ensuring strong action on climate change, will not only benefit the human race by ensuring our continued existence on our beautiful home, but will contribute economically to Australia creating millions of new green collar jobs and investment into renewable energy - which is severely needed as the government are not taking any or enough measures to ensure the renewable energy industry in Australia can take off.

Thank you

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