

To Whom It May Concern;

I am writing to express my concern over the action being taken by the current government in regard to Climate Change. Climate Change is the biggest issue facing our society to date and we have the opportunity to actually do something about it before it is too late! It is our responsibility to take strong action NOW! There is no time for compromises with big business or other political interest groups. Australians are ready to take serious steps to combat climate change and we need a government who will lead us!

The current proposed target of 5 - 15% is simply not enough! This is a very serious issue that cannot be taken lightly or eased into! We need to make drastic cuts starting now! We need to ensure that business is reducing thier reliance on carbon intensive practices NOW! We can not allow polluting companies to continue with business as usual, for any length of time. If we continue with a Carbon Trading Scheme, rather than a Carbon Tax - which I think would actually be more effective and beneficial, we need to ensure that everyone is included, but that the money collected in the first few years be diverted into helping energy intensive businesses reduce thier emissions. I also think that it is vital that individuals within the community are rewarded for taking personal action and that any reductions made by individuals does not reduce the burden on business/goverment to reduce thier emissions.

The world is ready...Australians are ready...is the government ready? The time is NOW! Please act responsibly on my behalf and that of my son and of all of the world's population! Climate Change will negatively impact all of us...even those working in carbon intensive industries! Take this opportunity to create green jobs, jobs that can help guide Australia away from oil and coal dependance and restore a thriving economy! This is your opportunity...please be brave and strong and act intelligently for our future! Our hope and trust is in you!

Kind Regards,

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