

To Whom It May Concern

I wish to add support to the campaign to increase Australia's carbon reduction targets from 5% to 50% by the year 2020. Please consider my opinion at the above inquiry and in relation to the above draft legislation.

I believe the current figure to be no more than a token effort in the face of overwhelming scientific evidence that a 5% level is insufficient to combat accelerating climate change. The ironic nature of this situation is that the current target was chosen as a compromise that would have minimal effect on economic growth when, for unrelated reasons, economic growth has dive bombed anyway! The government seem quite happy to go into deficit to support unsustainable economic growth so why not combat a real issue like climate change? Personally I would rather the country empty its coffers taking large scale action on climate change as opposed to supporting the purchase of electronic goods made in Korea due to the efforts of a bunch of bankers suffering narcissistic personality disorder.

In any case it is erroneous to immediately associate action on climate change with negative economic impact. Certainly the nature of industry and the commercial sector may change but recent experience suggests there is plenty of money to be made from the 'green dollar' and growth industries such as renewable energy.

The UN Conference in Copenhagen in December will be pivotal in deciding future global policy in relation to climate change and while Australia may be a small nation it has a population representative of much of the developed world. We are therefore not exempt from showing leadership on this issue. Our proposed efforts at home are laughable and therefore any submission by us at Copenhagen will be similarly laughable. Actions speak louder than words after all.

Lets set a strong target and pull our weight in what will be the defining issue of the 21st Century. We must demonstrate to the rest of the world that we do not view extreme levels of climate change as unavoidable and that leadership, despite being a rare quality, is one possessed by the Australian people.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours Sincerely

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