

G'Day Honourable Senators,

One of the introductions to our new federal government was - "It is in Australia's national interest to act early and strongly to tackle climate change". I believe Kyoto was catch up and we now see a slow, weak and ineffective action unfolding.

Climate change is happening far faster than had been anticipated. The Arctic ocean, last Euro summer, had an ice free area not seen in human history. The Antarctic Wilkins ice shelf is breaking up to a degree not seen before. These two events alone required enormous amounts of heat energy which helped absorb and mask global warming temperature change.

The recent increase in "100 year" events in less than decade intervals also use the increasing amount of available extra heat energy. The record 10 year dry out of Victoria resulting in our worst ever bush fire events and the simultaneous flooding in Qld. and NSW further emphasise the need for STRONG action.

The Victorian Government is proposing a limited FiT renewable energy scheme in poli speak as best world practise while being the equal worst with Texas among first world governments which have adopted schemes to encourage reduced fossil fuel use. The ACT, Germany, Scandinavia and California along with many others would provide better models, or the states or the federal government might try for a world best practise scheme in real-life.

Local rain water collection is subtly discouraged whilst grand monument DeSal and pipeline schemes are implemented selfishly at huge economic and environmental cost. Yarra Valley water admit that even the rainfall of recent years was enough to supply the needs of the 90% of individual buildings in Melbourne. A recent health survey the AMA reported showed drinking water illnesses were no different in Adelaide and Melbourne even though more than 50% of Adelaide homes use off the roof rain water and Melbourne uses almost none.

Thousands of your "mug" voters are already taking individual action with no government guidance, inspiration or leadership. Please consider a minimum of 30% and aim for 80-100% by year 2050 and remembering Neville Chamberlain's "Peace in our time" speech in 1938 did nothing but encourage the onset of WW11 do not introduce a "Not in Our Time Policy" which encourages no need to change policies in business and government!

Please provide a strong and positive outcome,

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