

To Whom it may concern, (i.e. all people who want a planet to live on)

I am writing to comment on the proposed CPRS Exposure Draft. The proposed targets in the scheme are significantly lower than those recommended by leading scientists and will result in a scheme which will not adequately deal with the issue of climate change and will not adequately support those who are making developments and innovations in low emission technologies. We need to do everything we can to reduce carbon. It needs to happen now.

I recommend the following modifications to the CPRS:

1. The CPRS adopt an emission reduction target of at least 40% below 1990 levels.
2. That offsets are made by not just reforestation, but also by handing over intact forests to conservation.
3. That offsets created by reforestation projects remain current only while that reforestation project is not disturbed by logging and the vegetation within remains in good health.
4. The number of free permits be limited so the market based carbon trading scheme can work as designed. The issuing of an uncapped number of free permits will reduce market confidence in the trading system and undermine the intent of the system.
5. Assistance to coal fired power stations should be dependent on development of a coal phase out scheme which promotes investment in green technology and renewable energy generation.
6. That third parties are able to challenge decisions made under the CPRS Act.
7. That there is a limit to the units available for issue by the government at a fixed price
8. That there is a limit to the units available to be generated by offsets (such as reforestation) and that a minimum number of units must be generated by actual reduction in emissions (as opposed to offsets).
9. That there is a limit to the number of emissions that are able to be traded internationally.
10. Voluntary emission reductions by companies or members of the community should not allow an increase in emissions by industry (AS OTHERWISE THIS MEANS NOTHING IS ACHIEVED by those who voluntarily reduce their emissions).

I hope you understand how serious all of this is. Our future depends on this - what may be a little inconvenient now, will save lives later. This is not the time to try and please everybody and find a happy medium. Unfortunately things have been taken too far - we have lived beyond our means and it is now going to affect everyone.

We need to be solid framework that gets everyone to get moving on reducing carbon emissions. We need to support those who are doing this and make things quite difficult for those who do not wish to get on board.

Please contact me if you have any queries.

I look forward to seeing great improvements to the CPRS.

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