

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to register my considered points regarding the proposed carbon pollution reduction scheme and the targets proposed for Australia for the next 3-to 50 years.

I believe that the proposed schemes and targets are grossly inadequate to avoid dangerous climate change and will tarnish our environment and international standing. I strongly urge the government to reconsider the CPRS which seems to be flawed in mechanism and targets in place. I do not believe that polluters should be able to dodge their expenses and liability by shifting carbon reductions to other parts of the globe nor be allowed to offset their pollution through taking up carbon reductions set in place by the community, individuals and small businesses. I do not see that there are valid economic reasons for allowing these loopholes - our economy will suffer more through the violent climate change.

Now is the time to set strong targets and set in place a CPRS that ensures that all polluters are encouraged to reduce their carbon footprint and to force industry into making changes which will ultimately benefit all.

Renewable energy research and development will be a major growth industry and Australia would greatly benefit increased investment into these areas - industries that have high carbon emissions and/or non-renewable focus must be penalised if they do not willingly play their role in these changes.

And finally, as a long term, high emitting nation we must accept that we have a responsibility to go above and beyond other nations, to make up for previous poor standards and to set an example to other nations. Now is the time to stand up and take responsibility and hence we should aim to halve our emissions within a decade and put in place a CPRS that will show others that big changes can be made.

The public are willing to accept that the way things are done must change and must change soon. It's up to government to provide for our future adequately.

Yours sincerely,
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