

To The Senate Select Committee on Climate Policy:

The time to take real and effective action and change is now. I am a parent, I have two children who are only just starting out in this world. They did not contribute to the climate mess the world is in. It is the big polluters and big business and governments who have. It is now time for THEM, by force of government creed as directed by THE PEOPLE (who voted them in), to start paying for the incredible profits that they have (rather questionably) taken by exploiting the environment. It is exploitative because profits have always been above the two most important things never considered "good business". Firstly, the environment (especially, though not exclusively, in the third world countries under the extremely dubious "structural adjustment programs/projects") and secondly, the workers that toil (especially, though not exclusively, in third world countries) their blood, sweat, tears and sometimes their lives, for the profit of big business. It is time to pay back, from the enormous profits, to secure the future from those that the profits have been reaped from....the workers toil and the safety of the environment.

My demands follow from the Climate Summit from earlier this year in Canberra.

1) Bring the carbon in the atmosphere back down to 300 ppm.

There are many ways this can be achieved. Invest in the (re)new(able) technologies that are being developed, which will also help to solve the economic crisis as the Government can invest in this, as a public infrastructure, and employ the people, who are now currently losing jobs and the workers from carbon intensive industries who can be retrained for such work. What a way to stimulate the economy....saving the planet and jobs and increasing or redirecting production and industry!! In addition, stop all old forest logging...this is one of the most effective carbon draw down natural methods available, all old growth forests must be immediately protected, for the sake of the planet. This will help to combat bushfire threat as well, newer growth forests burn much more easily and are under greater threat than old growth which have evolved to self-protect from such natural (or otherwise) calamity.

2) Energy production from 100% Renewables by 2020. It is not impossible, even if the technology isn't there yet....which is why it is important to start investing immediately and heavily into renewable technology....again, helping the economic crisis by creating new demands and employment and therefore waged people who can ... spend, to keep all production going. Renewables should also include examining how agricultural industry operates with appropriate investment to assist environmentally sustainable eco-friendly production.

3) Scrap the current CPRS...this is an execution order for it will see the death of the earth and civilisation as we know it. We already have evidence of things to come, simply look at Queensland's floods and Victoria's bushfires....which, I am proof positive, is only the tip of the "iceberg" to follow. Produce a plan that involves and incorporates renewable energy production by 2020 and carbon draw down to 300ppm...anything less isn't worth the paper it is wasting.

4) A just transition. This follows on from the above, simply put...investing into renewable energy production and industry. Expropriate industries if necessary, they do not need compensation...they have overcompensated themselves for decades with massive profits at the expense of the environment and the workers who have toiled their lives away "for them". Indeed, the big business should be paying compensation for the damage they have caused. If I litter, ie throw a piece of rubbish on the ground, I would be fined. Why are they not fined for the rubbishing of the environment they have done??? It is time for them to pay, for the degradation of the environment and for the lives this has already cost in the process (look at the third world countries for evidence of this).

I am not a scientist nor an economist, but it seems they have not done the job or either government has not listened to well informed debate, if it has been put forward (and I know James Hansen, as I am sure you are aware is from NASA, has put scientific argument forward that states we must reduce carbon in the atmosphere or we WILL have runaway climate change). As an ordinary person, I know moving in the direction of the solutions I propose, along with countless others, can fix the problems that scientists and economists so far have failed to address, or that government has not heard and failed to implement. I, along with countless others, have the answers. Whilst the technology may not be quite there yet, with the appropriate investment, the technology will be there ... by 2020!!! For some additional funds, how about stopping defense spending as it is currently being directed and

spend it on the defense of the environment and a safe world for everyone! There would be enough money in that kitty and we would create jobs, increase production and consumption whilst making a safe world....what better a defense strategy and military spending could there be! Okay, we may have to reduce living standards slightly, but what is the point of high living standards for some in a barren and environmentally dead world! How about slightly lesser standards of living that applied to all people in an environmentally safe world. I love the sound of that....and my children do too!!

Yours sincerely

Extremely concerned citizen

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and on behalf of my children, and all the children of the world