

2 April, 2009
Stacey and Rick Taylor

The Secretary
Senate select Committee on Climate Policy
Po Box 6100
Parliament House
Canberra, ACT 2600

Dear Sir / Madam,

As a first world nation with a historical & current massive greenhouse emissions per capita, it is our moral obligation to lead the world in real emission cuts & adhere to the polluter pays principle.

Within our home we have made the choice to switch to 100% green energy. We ride bikes every day & take public transport when we can. We were disgusted to discover that under the governments current CPR scheme our commitment to 100% green energy in our home will only further aid big polluters.

We also understand from analysis conducted by Guy Pearse that the equivalent of \$500 per household will be given each year to Australia's worst polluters to buy free permits between now & 2020 (& beyond). All this, while we do our bit to reduce our personal emissions. Should the CPR scheme be passed in its current form, we are sure that ours will not be the only home to dump this commitment to 100% green energy in protest.

The 5-15% range of cuts is inadequate & pathetic when scientific evidence is telling us that cuts need to be much deeper, at least 40% by 2020. Why can't governments take the warnings from scientists seriously? They tell us that we should aim to stabilize global atmospheric concentrations of greenhouse gases at 450 ppm. This will hopefully avoid catastrophic threshold points being breached sending climate conditions out of control. Australian politicians understand these warnings but pay them no heed.

To make matters worse, with no proposed limit on outsourcing emission cuts, actual greenhouse pollution in Australia might not fall, irrespective of the 2020 target Australia adopts. This will especially be the case if the carbon trade is dominated by cheap biocarbon measures, such as deals in which big Australian polluters fund the protection of rainforests in developing countries (eg Indonesia, Papua New Guinea) in return for their carbon emissions being locked up in these forests. Saving rainforests is important & we should strive to protect them at all costs. However we must make REAL emission cuts not just deceptive offsets.

Outsourcing, combined with weak targets only delays the inevitable transition that we must begin to make towards becoming a zero emissions economy. The longer we prop up big polluters, while not supporting renewable technologies, the harder it will be for Australia in the future.

Penny Wong, Kevin Rudd & the Labor government are wrong. The CDR scheme is not 'better than nothing'. It is the worst imaginable policy in tackling the most important issue of the 21st century because it

pretends to do something while achieving nothing. The Australian public will not be fooled by a policy document that appears to be written by E' for Australia's big polluting industries.

We urge you to consider our recommendations E' not pass the CPR Scheme in its current form.

Yours Sincerely,

Rich E' Stacey Taylor

Handwritten signatures of Rich E' Stacey and Taylor, written in cursive below the typed names.