

To Senators on the Senate Select Committee on Climate Policy,

I am very concerned that the emissions trading scheme proposed by the government:

1. Has greenhouse emissions targets which are too low to achieve the goal of avoiding climate catastrophes. Given mainstream scientists suggest targets of at least 25-40% greenhouse emissions reductions are needed to avoid climate catastrophes, the governments targets of 5-15% are way too low. I fear for the future of my children and grandchildren.
2. Gives too many monetary concessions to carbon polluters, and not enough incentives to invest in non/reduced-carbon polluting energies, transports and technologies
3. Generally does not given sufficient encouragement to make the changes needed to our society needed to help stabilise our climate.

I believe the recent bushfires in Victoria and the sufferings in the farming communities in south-east Australia are just a taste of similar and worse things to come for Australian communities, if the government's proposed emissions trading scheme is implemented as is.

I do support an emissions trading scheme, but a stronger, bolder, more effective one than what is proposed.

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