

Additional Comments

Australian Greens

The Australian Greens support Australia's ratification of the Paris Agreement.

I make the following additional comments.

The Paris Agreement's key aim is to respond to the catastrophic threat of climate change by keeping a global temperature rise this century to well below 2 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels and to pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase to below 1.5 degrees Celsius.

However evidence to the Committee and other analysis, including by the United Nations Environment Program, of countries' Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) show that current commitments made under the agreement including by Australia will not be adequate to keep global warming below two degrees.

Therefore Australia's emission reduction targets must be raised substantially to fulfill our obligation under the Paris Agreement.

Further evidence to the Committee showed that the government's current climate and energy policies will not even achieve Australia's current inadequate reduction target.

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