

I am a citizen of Australia, a mother and grandmother.

I submit that this bill provides a means by which fossil fuel companies can shirk their responsibilities with regards to climate change and the Safeguard Mechanism.

CCS has not been proven effective despite huge sums being devoted to it. A salient example is the Gorgon project which has only stored approx. one third of the CO<sub>2</sub> produced, despite promising 80%. Even that small percentage could be reduced by leakage, particularly in the event of movements of the sea bed.

Exporting CO<sub>2</sub> to other countries is unfair. Australia needs to take responsibility for our own emissions. As a relatively rich country we have some chance of doing so, given the will. Poorer countries will not be in such a position. Again, the main purpose of such exports will be for the fossil fuel companies to avoid the expenses associated with the Safeguard mechanism.

If we are to avoid the effects of climate change and provide a liveable world for our children, grandchildren and for the flora and fauna so vital to our wellbeing, the Government needs to stop supporting fossil fuel companies to find ways to continue to release CO<sub>2</sub> and instead focus on a speedy transition to renewable energy. Passing this bill will only further damage our planet.