

Committee Secretary
Joint Standing Committee on Treaties

Re: Paris Agreement (Paris, 12 December 2015)

As an Australian resident and father of five children I implore the Australian government to ratify the Paris Agreement and to adhere to the conditions it agreed to on 12 December, 2015 for the sake of future generations. Climate change remains **the** most serious threat to our health, environment and economy. We are already experiencing climate change through melting polar ice, receding glaciers, rising sea temperatures, rising sea levels, barrier reef bleaching, record high temperatures and increased extreme weather events around the world.

Australia, as a developed country, needs to play its part in addressing climate change by seriously starting to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions now and assist developing nations to develop renewable energy to keep the global average temperature below 2°C and ideally below 1.5°C pre-industrial levels. Delay will only increase the cost of dealing and living with climate change.

Regards,
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