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The Chair,
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Dear Madam / Sir

I wish to comment on the Kyoto Protocol

Australia should ratify the Kyoto Protocol

- There are many economic opportunities in changing Australia's economy into a greenhouse friendly one and many disadvantages if we don't
- Human induced warming of the earth is recognised by the world's scientific community as a reality
- The scientific community is also concerned about the irreversible impacts of climate change
- There are economic, environmental and human costs if we do not immediately reduce the amount of CO2 going into the atmosphere
- Climate skeptics' arguments such as those made by the 'Lavoisier Group' have no scientific weight and should not be encouraged by decision-makers.
- The UN has listed climate change as one of the biggest environmental problems currently facing the world.

I urge the Australian government to:

- Introduce national laws to reduce greenhouse pollution;
- Join Japan and Europe in ratifying the Kyoto Protocol by 2002;
- Follow Denmark, in introducing a greenhouse pollution trading scheme and other types of greenhouse pollution reduction.

Please count this as a submission to your inquiry.

Yours Sincerely

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