

PETITION TO THE HONOURABLE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

We, the undersigned, recognise that human-induced global warming is a serious problem confronting Australia's future and that the current policies and actions of the Australian Government are inadequate to address this global challenge.

The current Mandatory Renewable Energy Target of 9500GWh per year (2%) is likely to be met by December 2006. Once this target is met, investment in the Australian renewable energy industry will cease, as new generators will not be guaranteed access to Australia's expanding energy market.

At the same time, the Government is investing large sums into unproven 'clean coal' technologies.

Your petitioners request the House to call on the Government to:

- provide a large increase in support for renewable energy research and development; and
- increase the Mandatory Renewable Energy Target for electricity retailers to 50,000GWh/yr (10%) by 2010 and 100,000GWh/yr (20%) by 2020.

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