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Dear Sir/Madam,

I believe that the Kyoto Protocol is extremely relevant to Australia's national interest and therefore urge the Government of Australia to remain committed to it.

Considering our economic reliance on coal mining and other activities which emit pollutants, we need to begin a process of structural change immediately. A gradual movement away from these activities to others which are more ecologically and economically sustainable must be begun to halt damage to the atmosphere and to mitigate the effects on communities and individuals involved. A commitment to this protocol will ensure successive governments adhere to this process. High levels of education in Australia suggest that we have a competitive advantage in the area of research and development, and considering the environment we live in, the development of renewable energy, such as solar, is pertinent.