

PETITION

TO THE HONOURABLE THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES ASSEMBLED IN PARLIAMENT

The petition of certain citizens of Australia draws to the attention of the House the urgent need to address Australia's level of greenhouse gas emissions because of its contribution to the risk of dangerous climate change.

There is a need for the Australian Government to sign up to binding emission reduction targets that are agreed to through negotiation in the international community.

Your petitioners in addition request the House to introduce legislation to:

- Commit Australia to binding greenhouse gas emission reductions of 20% by 2020, and at least 60% by 2050, based on 1990 emission levels.
- Set a target to stabilise and then reduce residential, industrial and government per capita electricity consumption with supporting legislation and programs.
- Increase the Mandatory Renewable Energy Target (MRET) to 10% by 2010.
- Increase financial incentives (tax regimes, rebates) for renewable energy;
- Mandate the requirement for new building stock to have gas-boosted solar water heating systems wherever possible in Australia.
- Implement new programs to rapidly increase the uptake of gas-boosted solar water heating in the existing building stock.