

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives

As a concerned citizen I would like to express my disappointment at the lack of Government policy to encourage alternative energies.

I believe the current proposal locks in a 5% carbon reduction target till 2020. This is totally inadequate to effectively deal with the increasing climate change the effects of which are so obvious in increasing temperatures, drought, fire and flood.

Scientists are indicating that we need to aim for zero emissions of carbon within ten years to retain an habitable environment. Climate change should be treated as an emergency and work begun to cool our planet.

The financial crisis is also an opportunity to rethink our reliance on fossil fuels.

The undersigned respectfully request that the Government reverse its decision to spend money on the coal industry and instead spend all that is necessary to develop clean alternative energy such as solar power, wind power and electric cars.