

To The Secretary
Joint Standing Committee on Treaties
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Inquiry into the Kyoto Protocol

I do not believe that Australia should ratify the above protocol on climate change for the following reasons.

The dispersion of our population and the high cost of our labour has made Australia reliant on machinery to a greater extent than most other nations and our lifestyle would therefore have to change dramatically if we were to comply with the recommendations of the protocol.

The Kyoto Protocol is seriously flawed because it fails to address population growth worldwide. The Australian business council wants a 50 million increase in population by 2050, that alone would make any attempt to cut carbon dioxide emission futile.

I do not trust either side in the current scientific debate on global warming and even if there is a small increase in global temperature the effect on global climate is even less known about.

Any cut in world carbon dioxide emissions must consider the use of atomic energy for power generation. The failure at Kyoto to even discuss this issue suggests that the delegates were not serious about global warming. If any future discussion on climate change is to be considered of value then nuclear power generation, birthrates and water resources worldwide must be investigated.

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