

## Senate Select Committee on Climate Policy

On 11 March 2009, the Senate established a Select Committee on Climate Policy to inquire into policies relating to climate change, with particular reference to:

- (a) the choice of emissions trading as the central policy to reduce Australia's carbon pollution, taking into account the need to:
  - (i) reduce carbon pollution at the lowest economic cost,
  - (ii) put in place long-term incentives for investment in clean energy and low-emission technology, and
  - (iii) contribute to a global solution to climate change;
- (b) the relative contributions to overall emission reduction targets from complementary measures such as renewable energy feed-in laws, energy efficiency and the protection or development of terrestrial carbon stores such as native forests and soils;
- (c) whether the Government's Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme is environmentally effective, in particular with regard to the adequacy or otherwise of the Government's 2020 and 2050 greenhouse gas emission reduction targets in avoiding dangerous climate change;
- (d) an appropriate mechanism for determining what a fair and equitable contribution to the global emission reduction effort would be;
- (e) whether the design of the proposed scheme will send appropriate investment signals for green collar jobs, research and development, and the manufacturing and service industries, taking into account permit allocation, leakage, compensation mechanisms and additionality issues; and
- (f) any related matter.

The Committee is inviting submissions to this inquiries by **Wednesday, 8 April 2009**. It is due to report to the Senate by Monday, 15 June 2009.

If you wish to make a submission, written submissions should be sent to:

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The Committee requests that where possible, submissions should also be provided by email to [climate.sen@aph.gov.au](mailto:climate.sen@aph.gov.au), preferably as Adobe PDF or MS Word format documents.

Notes to help you prepare your submission are available from the website at [http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/wit\\_sub/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/wit_sub/index.htm). Alternatively, the Committee Secretary will be able to help you with your inquiries and can be contacted on telephone 02 6277 3541 or facsimile 02 6277 5719 or by email to [climate.sen@aph.gov.au](mailto:climate.sen@aph.gov.au).

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Once the Committee accepts your submission, it becomes a confidential Committee document and is protected by Parliamentary Privilege. You must **not** release your submission without the Committee's permission. If you do, it will not be protected by Parliamentary Privilege. At some stage during the inquiry, the Committee normally makes submissions public. Please indicate if you want your submission to be kept confidential.