

To Senators on the Senate Select Committee on Climate Policy,

I want a scheme that will make a difference! I want an emissions trading scheme that makes polluters pay instead of paying them to keep polluting, a scheme that encourages and rewards efficiency, innovation, and helps put Australia at the forefront of green technology.

We should be positioning our country to take advantage of the business opportunities that will come as the world rolls out new technologies to mitigate climate change. Now is the time to create a climate of green innovation in Australia, create new jobs and stimulate investment in clean industries.

The current scheme will just cost us money and quality of life without any benefit. We must have a higher target and a well designed scheme to make a difference to emissions, to get a return on the costs involved and to have any chance of preserving the quality of life we currently enjoy.

Please don't be weak on climate change. We'll be paying for your costly mistake for a very, very long time if you are.

Yours faithfully

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