

To Senators on the Senate Select Committee on Climate Policy,

The actions proposed by the federal government to address Australia's greenhouse gas emissions and their contribution to climate change are breathtaking in their inadequacy. The government seems to have little idea of the seriousness of climate change. It is here now and accelerating. It is appropriate that the same level of commitment they are putting into the 'global financial crisis' should be put into curbing Australia's greenhouse gas emissions. The focus on appeasing the fossil fuel industry and dependent fossil fuel intensive industry shows an alarming lack of leadership. There is a great deal of good will and willingness on the part of many Australians to 'do their bit' to reduce emissions, but where are the incentives, where is the leadership, where is the message that this is an opportunity for Australians to come together, where is the support for alternative technology? True leadership would 'sell' this message to Australians. Addressing climate change is part of the way out of the the 'gfc'.

It is not 'business as usual' with a little tinkering around the edges.

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