

To Senators on the Senate Select Committee on Climate Policy,

Dear Senators,

Science has said we have already entered into a climate emergency. With the current level of greenhouse gases (GHG) in the atmosphere we will lose the Arctic summer ice, which will heat up the north pole so much that Greenland will also melt and the surrounding permafrost will give up its methane, both of which are well underway.

We have passed crucial tipping points beyond which there will be no return to a safe climate.

This is why it is NOT CORRECT to say that having some form of attempt at carbon reduction is better than nothing. It is just not true. That is like saying it's better to put your brakes on gently whilst hurtling toward the cliff's edge than not at all - but you still end up dead.

We must reduce emissions as fast as possible to have a safe climate future. We need the strongest set of armoury to achieve this - very strong market signals, very strong government commitment to putting ALL the resources we have into switching away from our dependence on fossil fuels.

We have the technology, we have the resources, for goodness sake use them to revitalise our economy and build us an economy powered by renewables: solar, wind, geothermal.

This is your chance to do something crucially important. Please get your heads around what the science is saying and what the planet requires to remain stable in climate. A compromise solution ("where nobody is happy therefore it must be right") will not fix the reality that the earth is overheating. The planet is not interested in our politics. We cannot negotiate with physics.

Yours Sincerely
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