

To Senators on the Senate Select Committee on Climate Policy,

It is totally outrageous that all the environmental gains made by individuals like myself will be handed over, by the Rudd government, to polluting industries, so that our loss is their gain and we move not an inch forward in cutting greenhouse gasses.

The global financial crisis has been given as a reason why we should all sit around and fiddle while the planet burns but Barak Obama has shown us the way to go and for once, we should follow America's lead. We allowed them to lead us into an utterly ruinous and iniquitous war so we should not find it difficult to follow them in trying to save the planet before it is too late and we are all locked in to a disastrous future.

Green jobs - not pollution - is the way to go. The encouragement and support of alternatives to coal such as wind and particularly solar power is what the Rudd government should be doing. Giving subsidies to industries that contribute to solving the problem and taxing the hell out of industries that contribute to it, instead of allowing people to pollute using the carbon credits I and others like me have saved.

This is not the Rudd government I voted for. If I wanted to do nothing, or support a pathetic 5% reduction I'd have voted for those currently languishing on the opposition benches.

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