

To Senators on the Senate Select Committee on Climate Policy, Below is a sample submission prepared by The Greens. I endorse everything in it so am including it in my submission but I want to highlight the fact that I am particularly incensed by the fact that any efforts I make to reduce carbon emissions will only reduce the need for polluters to reduce their pollution. This is totally ridiculous and a huge waste of the good efforts of many Australians.

I am also incensed by the free permits to be given to carbon polluters. Any industry with foresight should have seen this issue coming and moved to reduce its carbon emissions to benefit its shareholders and the community: instead many have sat back and are now lobbying for money from people like me who are very committed to carbon reduction (I pay for 10% solar energy) to keep them polluting. In business you have to move with the times and if you fail to do so that is your problem, not the taxpayers.

I think the target is way too low.

More needs to be done to stimulate alternative non-carbon emitting energy sources.

Agriculture must be included. Cattle emit huge amounts of methane but no-one in government seems to want to tackle this because it is too hard and strikes at the huge reliance of meat and dairy in our diet. I have reduced my meat and dairy consumption and lots of people I know are doing so as well.

In summary when the Government was elected I was very hopeful that they would really do something meaningful about climate change but I am deeply disappointed by the legislation and believe that the Government has "wimped out".

Yours faithfully,
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