

To Senators on the Senate Select Committee on Climate Policy,

I voted for you partly because I believed you were serious about action on climate change. Whilst I appreciate much of what the new government has already achieved, I can only gape in horror of the sell-out on environmental issues.

Australia needs a strong, ambitious and fair emissions trading scheme, not a plan that protects polluters and stands in the way of the change we need.

No amount of economic reform can replace the planet we have all-but destroyed. There is no point in saving an economy that continues to degrade the earth, water and air to the point where life is not viable. We are rapidly approaching that situation. Serious action for our world-wide environment must take precedent over anything else.

And please, while we're at it, leave the Kimberley pristine. My daughter has been there studying freshwater turtles and has explained the threat to me. It's unthinkable to degrade that. Is nothing sacred in the face of the holy dollar?

Yours faithfully

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