

To Senators on the Senate Select Committee on Climate Policy,

As a Green/Labour voter I would be bitterly disappointed to see the carbon reduction scheme go ahead as laid out in the green paper. My main concern is the free pollution permits. I understand the need to protect these industries because of job security but honestly wouldn't we be better off putting our time and energy into building up sustainable industries rather than supporting a dieing cause. To put this in a more personal and emotional context... I am bitterly resentful that large companies have profited so heavily from this countries resources and I think that if they were made to pay for the damage they have caused to the environment then they would be severely in debt. It is an absolute scandal that we as a country have said sorry to our indigenous people yet still fail to show the most decent of respect for their beliefs including a respect for mother earth and yes... I am prepared to change my western lifestyle (modest though it is) to live in a society that puts t he health of our planet first.

Let's start dumping these shortsighted garbage policies and start making policies that our children will be proud of!!

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