

To Senators on the Senate Select Committee on Climate Policy,

I voted for a change of government and was excited when the Rudd Labor Government took office. I am now devastated to think the representatives of the Australian people have not had the foresight to act in a manner which will offer some realistic attempt to reduce emissions and tackle climate change. Australia must move into the 21st century, restructure our power generation and look to redressing the damage we, as an industrialised nation, have wrought on our environment. Communities are acting to reduce their emissions - industry must act too and not free load on the actions of the general population. We must listen to the scientists. We must act now and we must look to at least 35% reduction - 5% is a joke. Householders and clean industries are the way of the future. There are no jobs on a dead planet and if we do not act we will have a dead planet sooner than we think.

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.

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