

To Senators on the Senate Select Committee on Climate Policy,

What concerns me in addition to the 'Greens' comments here are the following: 1. The lobbying of the polluting industries and the pressure of the fear factor of loss of jobs is having a major impact. Why is the government not adequately funding non-polluting renewable industries that would be able to take up in their Australian-based industries, some of the workers sacked by polluters.

2. Australian managerial positions have been, in most instances, unwilling to invest in the future of the nation and they were encouraged not to do so by the Howard government. Research and development and recognition of the fact of climate change only entered their policy before the last election. I will never forget Peter Costello saying why should we develop our own expertise when we can buy what we need from overseas. He was speaking of the ICT industry at the time.

3The Australian government should not hand out money to industries unless they sign up to a transparent contract that they will invest our tax-payers' money in renewable resources with timelines for completion.

4. I believe personally that one should be rewarding non-polluters with tax credits and punishing the polluters.

5. I also consider the view of the agricultural industry that they should be part of the carbon capture approach should be included in the whole picture from the beginning. We have been told that the capacity of our native forests to capture carbon has been underestimated. They should be protected.

I accept the scientific position that 5% target is too low.

The government should not allow itself to be bullied by wealthy, powerful lobbyists who showed no forethought for the future of the nation and just enjoyed the economic advantages of the boom time without any thought for tomorrow.

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