

To Senators on the Senate Select Committee on Climate Policy,

I believe that the current planned scheme will cost jobs at a time when we can least afford it. Recession is looming and climate protection is faltering as a result.

I am a student studying social science and environment and yes I want a job as much as those in the coal industry do.

I want to work with companies and advise them on the best way to reduce their costs and environmental/social impacts, once I complete my course in the not too distant future. However I feel that so a slow paced 5% emissions target fails not only the environment but also the economy.

If this direction is too hard for the Federal Government to implement realistically so that investment in renewable industry can develop in Australia; then a new option must be looked into. There is no point in slamming down a proposal such as the Carbon Emissions Reduction Scheme without seeking a new direction for our future economy and society, so I will briefly explain a better direction.

Taxation is a realistic option that allows government to realistically determine market progress. I believe that the current CPRS should be buried and company taxation should remain at extremely low levels for all future investment in renewable energy production within Australia.

At this current time economic stimulus is keeping us out of a deep recession. As a society we should be looking at lowering the price of renewable energy not increasing the price of non-renewables such as coal or petroleum.

In Australia we are fortunate to have some of the largest supplies of all types of energy in the world not just coal and natural gas but ample solar, wind and geothermal resources.

Energy intensive industry such as the aluminum production industry should be looking to continue to invest in a secure and affordable country like Australia, not turn to offshore markets where emissions are not rigorously added onto production costs.

We need to remain competitive in our energy capabilities, on the global stage and attract investment in a renewable future; not deter investment and compromise on the environment as the current Carbon Emissions Trading Scheme authenticates.

Furthermore materials recycling investment in Australia will be deeply affected as the cost of energy supply increases no matter how minimal additional costs may be. The current CPRS provides no provisions for the materials recycling industry to cope and continue Australia's ability to extend our supplies of finite resources such as iron ore, copper and glass.

To this end, whatever the outcome the current planned CPRS is not worth the wasted paper it is written on.

Either discourage investment in energy intensive Australian Industries and save our climate through tougher emissions cuts or encourage both industry and a safe climate, through the above said option of reducing all company taxation on renewable energy; over a long period of time.

Only this option can encourage the quick take up of renewable energy that we so desperately need to head towards a safe climate future.

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