

Attention: Senators of the Committee on Climate Policy

The current plan for an emissions trading scheme put forward by the ALP (the CPRS) is woefully inadequate. It's worse than doing nothing. Please make sure this is done properly.

I would suggest legislation that:

1. Puts in place a plan for TRANSITIONING to an economy with low carbon emissions. a. Abrupt changes are hard so structure this in such a way that pressure to reduce emissions will gradually be applied. b. This means aiming for carbon emissions to be more than 25-40% below 2000 levels by 2020 with very strict milestones along the way. (The current aim to reduce emissions by 5% is environmentally unsustainable). c. The transition cannot be voluntary.

2. It cannot reward businesses that pollute.

a. We cannot say the status quo can be maintained, even for a short time. b. Polluters must be forced to start transitioning straight away. a. It must provide incentives for any polluting business to REDUCE (i.e. not maintain) its emissions. c. It must provide disincentives for any polluting business to maintain its level of carbon emissions.

I direct you to please examine the science of this situation, not the politics, to back up these suggestions.

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