

I am very concerned about the target of 5 - 15% for emissions. All the eminent scientists across the world are telling us that at least 40% is required if we are to slow climate change. Artic ice is melting, temperatures are rising, extreme fire events have killed hundreds - what more evidence to you need. The evidence is EVERYWHERE. Climate Change is a reality. We MUST do more NOW. 5% is just criminal. The CPRS does not provide incentive for people to reduce their emissions. It effectively provides a way for the big polluters to continue to pollute. Of course the government has a vested interest in keeping these BIG companies happy - the government reaps millions of dollars from the mining royalties etc. I would like to see the government have a bit of backbone and do what absolutely MUST be done. Set a fair dinkum target - 40%. Invest in training people in alternative energies, move away from polluting industries and stand up to the big polluters. My grandchildren will not have a world worth living in if our generation and THIS government has the guts to make some hard decisions. We keep hearing about the 'world economic crisis' - but this economic crisis will be a distant memory in a few years time - the climate crisis will HAUNT mankind forever (or at least as long as humanity can survive in a climate changed world) if WE and the GOVERNMENTS OF THE WORLD don't act NOW. Please, please, please - I beg you - have the gumption to be unpopular with big polluting businesses. In the long run, after initial hard times and retraining - there will be MORE EMPLOYMENT in green industries than there ever was in the big polluting industries. Please act now - mankind rests in the decisions that will be made in the near future. We, the people of Australia, voted the Labor Government to power with a mandate to act on climate change. 5% is INACTION!!!

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