

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to submit my view on the federal governments response to climate change- the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme.

Scientists are unequivocal that significant cuts to greenhouse gas emissions are essential if we are to avoid dangerous climate change.

#### THE TARGET IS TOO LOW

A 5% cut is insignificant and dangerous and I am very concerned that the target has been set so low.

#### THE MAXIMUM TARGET IS A POLITICAL TRICK

I am perplexed that there is also an maximum target cut of 15%. I can see no reason why there should be a maximum target at all. Clearly none of the polluting industries will voluntarily cut their emissions by 15% when they only have to achieve 5% - it's like volunteering to pay extra tax and no one does that. So it seems to me that the 15% figure is just there to create some sort of illusion that the cut is actually larger than 5% - political smoke and mirrors in other words.

#### ELIMINATES THE INDIVIDUALS RIGHT'S TO MAKE PERSONAL CUTS

For those of us who have made the effort to cut our emissions by purchasing green power or installing photovoltaics, or reducing our car dependency, etc, the scheme effectively strips us of any power to make a difference. The big polluters benefit from our expense. At the very least, a smart CPRS should allow us to exercise our democratic right and reduce our own personal impact.

#### PROTECTS POLLUTING INDUSTRIES

The CPRS actually props up and protects polluting industries by over compensating them. I can see why it might be necessary to assist workers in polluting industries to retrain, or, to support them during a period of change and upheaval, but I strongly object to supporting the industries themselves.

#### STIFLES INNOVATION AND NEW CLEAN INDUSTRIES

By compensating polluting industries the CPRS makes new, smart, clean technologies uncompetitive. The very idea of taxing or capping carbon emissions is so that clean technologies become viable. By compensating polluting industries the scheme will further stifle and delay the emergence of new clean industries.

#### CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE ECONOMY

Rather than allowing the economy to be revitalised and stimulated by new ideas, clean industries and new companies, the CPRS is like a ball and chain tying us to an old, dirty and dying economy.

#### BY TRYING TO PLEASE EVERYONE YOU PLEASE NO ONE

It is hard to imagine that anyone is happy with the CPRS. Polluting industries would have preferred no targets. And no one who is concerned about climate change would accept that a 5% cut is anywhere near adequate.

Yours sincerely  
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