

Dear Secretary of Senate Select Committee,

Like everyone in this great country, I am concerned about the implications of global warming, and especially the link between environmental catastrophe and industry.

Many have spoken about the injustice that rests in the fact that the developing world has contributed the least to carbon emissions, and yet the poorest nations are paying the highest price in terms of the effects of global warming.

My anger at the injustice flows from this fact: While the benefits and incredible wealth derived from the exploitation of the natural resources of the earth flow into the developed nations, the maximum price is being paid by the developing world. Ultimately all wealth on earth derives from the natural resources of this planet - and exploiting these resources has led to carbon imbalance, pollution, and massive environmental damage. This exploitation has led to unimaginable wealth for a very fortunate but small number of individuals.

And now the environmental price, which is measured in rising ocean levels, increasingly severe weather phenomenon, increasing incidence of disease-bearing hosts like mosquitoes, loss of natural habitat and widespread extinction, and loss of arable land, is being paid by the world's poorest.

While wealthy people can afford to live on high ground (where the views are great) safe from wild storms, the poor are forced to live close to rivers, on flood-plains, on the edge of unstable mountainsides, or beneath dams constructed in earth-quake prone and flood-prone ravines. While the wealthy can afford filtered and treated water, the poor are forced to live near contaminated water supplies.

Speaking out in support of carbon reduction is a sign of support for the world's poorest. This is a matter of social justice, equity, and a fair go for all.

Thank you for supporting an effective Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme.

Faithfully and respectfully yours,

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Yours sincerely,
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