

Dear Secretary of Senate Select Committee,

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On Monday 17th December, 08 I was watching the news on T.V and I heard an announcement that the Government had decided to aim for a 5% reduction in carbon emissions by 2020.

I can't tell you how demoralised and sad I felt.

I feel now there really is no hope that we can change what's happening in our environment and our world. My children will miss out on so much¦ going to the beach in summer - too hot, snorkelling at the Barrier Reef - damaged, playing footy at the local oval - ground to hard/no grass, rising water levels - diminished food/housing. In the back of my life I feel an ongoing worry and anxiety about the future. Do you feel scared too?

When Kevin Rudd was elected I felt a wave of relief that finally something had a chance of happening. When I heard Penny Wong talk I thought 'thank god' that she, and the Labor Party seemed to 'get it'. It seemed like they were going to lead us to make hard but essential changes in our lifestyles.

But now I feel terrible disappointment, frustration and overall sad, sad, sad.

I know it must be complex and there are lots of issues at stake. You are our Senate Representatives and it is now up to you to support, challenge and advocate for more aggressive and vigourous changes towards reducing our carbon emmissions. Please try to do this.

Please help us. Please help.

Yours sincerely,

Kylie Riha-Jones

P.s/ I wrote to Kevin Rudd in December, 08 with my plea. So far no response.