

Dear Secretary of Senate Select Committee,

I believe the Government's proposed CPRS is flawed. The legislation has been fastracked to its own detriment and in its current form, leaves the door open for too many loopholes and dodgy deals, potentially rendering the outcome a dissapointment and embarrassment on the world arena. Australia's 5% reduction target is weak, particular given recent promises from the US, but even ignoring that, in its current form the CPRS does not promise to be a useful tool in achieving Australia's greenhouse reduction targets.

The over complication of carbon reduction is baffling, and I hope rather than repeat mistakes of the EU trading scheme of over permitting and allowing loopholes for the biggest polluters to come out on top, Australia wil choose to learn from teh EU and improve upon. Emission trading has been the toted idea, but perhaps other options need to be considered such as a more simple carbon tax. At the very least the CPRS should be critically reviewed and improved upon in a transparant and ethical manner.

In particular I would hope for

- less free permits
- the option to offset overseas revoked
- less complication
- more transparency
- long term and holistic thinking employed
- analysis of all options before Australia is locked in

I would even like to see a review of the consumer pays option, rather than the text book polluter pays as I'm not convinced a company should be the only one to blame for excessive consumption.

A low carbon future will mean change, but change doesn't have to be bad. I hope you will take these thoughts on board, as they are shared by many.

Thanking you in advance,

Yours sincerely,
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