

Senate Select Inquiry on Climate Policy,

I submit that the Government must do more for the people of Australia regarding climate change. Fresh scientific findings are showing that climate change is happening quicker than we feared, with the news of the deterioration of the situation on the Wilkin's ice shelf but one example.

The Government's target of 5-15% reduction is not adequate, we should commit to a target of 50% reduction in Australia's greenhouse gas pollution.

A strong target must be set to both address the issue directly and provide a stimulus to innovation within the Australian economy. We have a tremendous competitive advantage internationally due to our strong science and engineering communities; a strong target will allow business to bring the scientific and engineering resources to bear on innovation and re-structuring the Australian economy on more sustainable lines.

The string target must be set before December's UN Conference on Climate Change in Copenhagen. This will support Australia's efforts to form the vital international agreement on our collective response to the issue of climate change.

The proposed CPRS is not of flawed design and will not lead to reduced greenhouse emissions: it must be changed.

sincerely
Paul Minty