

Dear Senate Select Committee on Climate Policy,

Re: Rudd Government's target to cut Australia's Greenhouse Gas emissions by 5-15%

Australia needs to take responsible for the luxurious lifestyle we have been living. Australia is a country with a strong economy, long life expectancy, low unemployment, high standard of living and many resources. Most of the world does not have such fortunate circumstances. Australia should be leading by example rather than be a puppet to large businesses (who are ONLY concerned about profit, not Australia or Australians). Australia should be setting the standard for the world in how climate change *can* be tackled.

Climate change is about more than Australia - we might be an island but we are not isolated from planet earth. The choices Australia makes are not about winning a few million Australian votes, it is about doing what is best for the **billions** of people who live on this planet.

Climate change **will** get worse if we do not act. The expression "to bite your nose off to spite your face" would be apt to describe Australia adopting 5-15% cut in GHG emissions. Australia can try for exemptions, but if the planet dies Australia will not get an exemption then.

Yours Sincerely,

Jacqueline Hine
Australian
Mother
One of over 6 billion people to consider