Dear Prime Minister Rudd and Senator Wong,

Your greenhouse target is too small.

Far more could be done cost effectively if your government was willing to tackle energy efficiency options. The National Framework on Energy Efficiency Reports over many years have highlighted potential savings form energy efficiency as high as 70% reductions with 8 year paybacks in the residential and commercial sectors.

http://www.ret.gov.au/Documents/mce/energy-eff/nfee/library.html

Even if savings of 30% were targeted (with 4 year payback) across all sectors that would mean about \$15 billion per annum of energy savings. The coal, gas and oil industries don't like this option! However it is far more cost effective for consumers to save energy in many instances rather than to continue what we are doing now.

Your present policies are committing Australia to continued energy inefficiency, more wasted money on burning fossil fuels and more greenhouse emissions.

Clever Country?? Sadly not when it comes to energy policy.

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