

Dear Senators,

I hope you will take the time to hear a few comments on Australia's climate policy

The need to reduce greenhouse emissions is urgent, and we need to make huge reductions now.

The technology to do this is available - the Atlantis project in Tasmania, and the ongoing tidal project at Phillip Island show the huge potential for reliable and predictable power generation from tidal sources as an example of renewable energy

Queensland we have over 50 power stations and not one solar thermal power station even under consideration !

The recently announced Recycling Project by industry and green groups can produce jobs from labour intensive industries and immense energy reductions, reduce land fill needs. Can you give them the support they need - not in large grants but tax and other concessions.

Whether or not clean coal technologies will store millions of tons of carbon will not be available in time. Dont just send more monies that way please.

I read recently that the 2008 report by consultants McKinsey & Co has found Australia could reduce carbon emissions by 30% by 2020 at a cost to Australian families of less that \$1 per day.

Have you considered this report.

Energy efficiency standards - in our rural area - are still quite minimal - please ensure strong fixed national standards are set and adhered to.

Please starty now to achieve a 20%-40% reduction in Australias greenhouse gas emissions - and take a strong, realistic target to Copenhagen.

Why should we continue to be seen as one of the worst polluters in the world - to pacify the dominance of the coal lobby in our country.

Thank you, and please, think of the world that our grandchildren will be living in - we have been both the lucky ones and the ones able to pollute as much as we wish without suffering the consequences.

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