

To Senators on the Senate Select Committee on Climate Policy,

Emissions trading is one of many important tools the government can use to reduce Australia's emissions. By setting a strong target and sending a price signal to the market, a well-designed scheme should help dramatically reduce Australia's emissions at the least cost to the economy and make sure Australia does its fair share to tackle climate change.

The most important aspect of any carbon reduction policy is that a start be made. Just having a carbon reduction plan will begin the process of 'doing something'. At the stage Australia is at now with the forces of 'do nothing because ...' so strong, any process that establishes any reduction in carbon must be a start. This would be better than continuing to delay.

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