

Julian Wearne

John Hawkins  
Committee Secretary  
Senate Select Committee on Climate Policy  
PO Box 6100  
Parliament House  
Canberra ACT 2600  
Australia

Dear Secretary of Senate Select Committee,

I am deeply concerned about the impacts of climate change around the world. I believe that already this year Australia has started seeing what the future may well look like if drastic world wide action is not taken immediately. This is not action we should wait around until a world wide consensus is made, but rather we should lead with example by proving it is possible to make big changes. This will only increase global pressure on any country lagging behind.

Australia is a wealthy country with the potential to make radical changes. Action such as improving public transport, offering rebates on all Australian made energy efficient green products such as insulation, double glazed windows and low power appliances would not only help Australians reduce their reliance on carbon polluting technologies but would also create jobs and help us through these difficult economic times.

I have two main concerns with the current Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme. Firstly the 5-15% greenhouse pollution reduction targets on 1990 levels are an absolute joke. Australians voted for a party promising a target of 25%, and given the chance I'm sure most Australians would rather that target be at the 40% mark scientific consensus has agreed is necessary around the world.

My second concern is with the current trading scheme any measures the average citizen makes around their home to reduce their electrical usage simply becomes factored into carbon credits for the electricity and gas providers. So rather than reduce overall pollution levels these companies can continue to sell dirty power and gas to those of us that do not care, or can sell carbon credits so that others can continue to pollute. I believe that to be fair on the general population carbon credits should not be awarded to electricity and gas providers should not be awarded credits on the sole basis of how much pollution they are producing, but rather how much pollution they are producing relative to how much electricity or gas they are providing.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JW', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Julian Wearne