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The Secretary  
Senate Select Committee on Climate Policy  
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Dear Senators,

When in opposition the government has rightly expressed concern about the inaction of climate policy by the former Liberal Government and has used this as an election issue, with success, it is understood. Unfortunately the action is falling well short of its promises.

As a "Smart Country" Australia cannot wait and follow developing countries but should set an example or at least follow the higher EU standards.

Besides even climate experts admit that earlier predictions have been revised considerably but not in favour. A reduction of greenhouse pollution of 5 to 15 % by 2020 falls well short of a serious preventative action to combat climate change, or why bother at all, one must ask.

I strongly believe that the moneys for the stimulus package would be better invested in renewable energy, of what Australia is so blessed of wind-, solar-, geothermal- and wave energy and gradually shut down all coal fired power plants, besides this would create new jobs or keep them in Australia.

The future generations will have to cope with the fallout. Yes, economy is important, but only in a world worth living in !

Yours sincerely



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