

To Senators on the Senate Select Committee on Climate Policy,

I am concerned about the emissions trading legislation as it is currently drafted. For a start, it doesn't go far enough --- even if we reduce by 2% our CO2 emissions, the world is heading for a 4C rise in temperature; we need to cut much deeper than that.

It also negates individual efforts to cut emissions. As it stands (if I have understood correctly) if I purchase 100% green energy, that doesn't actually result in less carbon being emitted, because the carbon I don't emit is allocated to someone else. How do I opt out? How can I make sure that my own individual efforts to reduce my carbon footprint (by not owning a car, by using 100% green energy, by buying local produce wherever possible, etc) actually count in the grand scheme of things?

As such, please do not allow the current proposed legislation to pass as-is. Please make sure that individual efforts count. And please push for much deeper cuts in emissions, and ways to ensure that polluters really do end up paying.

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