

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.

However, a badly designed emissions trading scheme will prevent the economic transformation Australia needs, at a cost to both the economy and the environment.

As it stands, the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme (CPRS) proposed by the Government is a badly designed scheme that will be worse than useless. Its key flaws include an unacceptably weak target, and a design which over-compensates polluters at the expense of the community and environment.

Regardless of loss of jobs these heavy polluters must pay or buy credits from others. Everybody is forgetting about people not working, the disabled, and the unemployed. I think the 5% is a fair target to start off with as we the people are all going to have to pay we are not allowed to go out and earn extra money to help pay for this new tax. so also think about us first.....

Australia needs a strong, ambitious and fair emissions trading scheme, not a plan that protects polluters and stands in the way of the change we need.

Regards,
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