

Dear Garnaut Review;

I am making a plea for urgent, scientific based carbon emission reduction policies to be implemented as soon as possible (in the real meaning of ASAP).

As a long term observer of climatic conditions due to my various outdoor interests, and also my involvement in city living, I believe that there has been gross underestimation and "soft" wording on the rapidity and consequences of climate change.

For too long the scientific community has been using wording such as "might" or "could result in" various changes. This allows the human "psyche" an excuse for inaction, using optimism as the excuse.

Stronger wording and action on climate change is required immediately.

I believe strongly in "tipping point" theories, that there will be dramatic climate change and that dangerous changes are already inevitable due to "lag times" and the pollution that the human race has already discharged into the atmosphere.

If we are to retain some degree of quality of life and life-span on this planet for ourselves and our descendants we need to act fast and decisively.

In addition, species destruction has already become a reality and climate change will accelerate the destruction rate.

I urge you to recommend that Australia sets strong, science-based targets to reduce greenhouse pollution by at least 30 per cent by 2020.

This would put Australia in the forefront of climate change reduction, make it a more desirable place to live, encourage tourism and therefore overseas dollars into our country.

Developing countries, potentially the worst polluters by volume and with the capacity to "sink" us all also need a working carbon reduction model to work towards.

An acknowledgement of receipt of this submission would be appreciated.

Yours Faithfully,

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