

Dear Professor Garnaut,

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

I live in northern NSW and every year we have higher temperatures and more rain than the year before.

We are on the brink of committing ourselves to dangerous climate change, but the right decisions now will make all the difference to future generations. We can save our great natural icons, like the Great Barrier Reef and Kakadu – but only if we set strong, science-based targets to reduce greenhouse pollution by 2020.

A strong 2020 target will open up new opportunities for Australia; opportunities to once again be a world leader in solar technologies; opportunities for new jobs in booming clean-tech industries; opportunities for our kids to grow up in a cleaner, safer world.

Ground-breaking research by global economists McKinsey showed Australia can achieve a 30 per cent cut in greenhouse pollution by 2020 – at a cost of just 80 cents a day for each Australian. That's a small price to pay for a better, safer future.

Yours very sincerely

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