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To whom it may concern.

As an owner of a property located west of the Great Divide, I have witnessed the the effects of climate change first hand. Over 20 years I have watched the soil literally dry up.

Last September, in an attempt to increase awareness of the issue, I volunteered to train with Al Gore and have been presenting his now famous climate project slide show to various community groups around the country.

It is now time for our government to set national targets for greenhouse gas reduction and it is waiting for advice from the Garnaut Review. I urge you to make these targets tough.

A new report by the global economists McKinsey has proposed that we in Australia can reduce greenhouse pollution by at least 30% by 2020 at a cost of just 80 cents per Australian per day.

This is a very small price to pay for the survival of our species and all the other species that rely on our wisdom for their own survival.

Human beings have galvanised around a technological challenge before; we put a man on the moon with less computer power than we have in a modern day mobile phone.

Surely, with all our advanced technologies, we can rally around this contemporary challenge and prove ourselves to be a truly noble, graceful and clever species?

It is the unique privilege of our generation to tackle climate change. Let's rise up as one and do it.

Kind regards,

Nell Schofield