

## Submission to the Garnaut Climate Change Review

I am in my 50's and I have seen for myself how the weather is changing. No one can bluff me into thinking any different.

Water was short and we had restrictions. The price of water went up. Electricity is mostly coal generated so we are encouraged to reduce our usage. And the price of electricity goes up.

I drive a petrol driven car, because I have no other options. We live in a society planned around individuals driving their own cars. I have seen green friendly cars advertised. Gee don't they cost a lot. Beyond my budget.

I have looked at sites for changing over to solar power or home power generation. I already have gas hot water that is green so I can't get subsidies on converting to solar water. Gas hot water costs. Solar hot water does not cost.

I have lived on a farm with tank water. I see no problems in having a water tank for all my home water needs. But it is against the law to have anything other than water tanks for gardening, toilets or clothes washing. What rubbish!

I have had solar hot water and slow combustion stove with heating hot water facility. If only I had a dollar for each time I had so much hot water from running a slow combustion stove for cooking and heating in winter.

A lot of what stops me from doing what I want as an individual is the law. I cannot have water tanks for all my water needs. If I did, companies like Sydney Water would not get money out of me.

If I had solar hot water and solar power generation, I would not use much electricity at all. If I used these systems energy companies would be paying me for the surplus my home generated. But electricity companies would not get much money out of me.

The world is in the middle of global warning catastrophe because the dollar in a capitalist society means more than people and the environment. Profits come first, all else last.

Well Mr Capitalist Society look at where the world has got to????

I want my children and my grandchildren and my great grandchildren to have a world they can live in. Capitalist Society does not offer this.

I can change my light bulbs and use less water, but as an individual I can't do much more.

Big business will not do much unless there is a profit to make from it.

We can only get out of this mess by acting now and by acting because THE GOVERNMENT ENFORCES CHANGE THROUGH LEGISLATION. No more nandy pandy please, Mr Rudd. No more thinking signing Kyota makes the change without anything else. No more thinking other countries have to act first.

Each day that passes without change is another day where we cannot undo the damage.

Give me the right to store my own water for all of my household needs. Give me greater subsidies to use solar hot water and for solar electricity generation so I don't have to buy electricity at all from coal driven sources. Give me the right to buy electricity only when my own generation is not enough and give me the right to sell any excess electricity I generate back to the grid.

If every second house in Sydney had its own solar power generation, selling excess supply back to the grid, how much we would cut down on coal generated electricity?

I can do these things now if the laws change and subsidies increase. We don't have to build new generation plants or look at ways to have clean coal (who are you trying to kid). Lets do things now!!!!

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