

Dear Professor Garnaut,

I just wanted to give a short submission on behalf of my work colleagues and myself (with respect to impacts of climate change on our work as scientists) and also on behalf of many of my friends who are similarly concerned.

We fully support the huge mass of evidence from scientists and economists regarding the environmental, economic and social costs of climate change: the potential consequences are too great to play with, and the probability of severe impacts gets stronger by the day. While there will be economic costs, no matter what these are they will clearly be nowhere NEAR as dramatic as not making major changes very soon. Please advise the government to cut emissions greatly - we would support 50% and even much more - whatever the scientists suggest is required.

A well-designed/funded community-awareness campaign by the government would help inform public opinion and support for any changes.

For ourselves, our research with reefs and sea turtles will be very greatly impacted on by even a slight temperature rise; corals under threat, endangered sea turtle nests highly sensitive to changes of less than one degree, etc.

This is such a huge responsibility and privilege for people such as yourself who are actually making the recommendations to the government; perhaps one of the most critically important advisory positions that one could imagine. Thank you so much for making an accurate, science-based and economically (long term), environmentally/socially responsible decision. We are a resilient society and we can more easily adapt to economic changes than the environmental and related social risks that are so likely over the next few decades if we do not do enough.

Yours Sincerely

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