I'm writing to endorse the setting of strong, science-based targets to reduce greenhouse pollution by at least 30 per cent by 2020.

I believe that as Australians and global citizens of a privileged nation it is imperative that we act now on climate change. The effects of climate change are affecting friends and family across the globe. Friends in Finland have had an unseasonally warm winter. In NSW I recently was in Newcastle at the beginning of the floods last year. Truly disturbing scenes.

I have worked in the past advocating the community takes an active role in environmental and know people are willing to put themselves out if they think it will make a real change. Once people resign themselves to defeat of “it's too late” we're doomed.

I think it's imperative that Australia moves towards significantly increased renewable energy based targets. Funding for research in the renewable energy industry should be a priority. A strong 2020 target will open up new opportunities for Australia. Australia should once again be a world leader in solar technologies.

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

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