

To Professor Ross Garnaut,

Firstly, thank you for your efforts in writing the report for the government on the economic implications of climate change in Australia.

This information is so important to our country's future, and we must do all we can to reduce greenhouse pollution, by setting strong, science-based targets to achieve by 2020.

As a university student about to enter the workforce I am one of the next generation who will face the results of climate change head on. In 2020, I will be raising children to live and work on this earth. What kind of world will they be facing? If Australia continues on as we have to date, I fear that their future will be a country with 20% more drought, robbed of its natural beauties such as Kakadu and the Great Barrier Reef, and faced with immeasurable consequences of our choices to put money ahead of the world they will live in.

The great news is that a 30 per cent reduction in greenhouse pollution by 2020 is affordable and achievable. Global economist McKinsey's ground-breaking research has shown that Australia can achieve this cut at a cost of just 80 cents a day for each Australian- far less than the cost of the last drought. This is a cost worth paying to ensure a better, safer future for our children. Not only are these changes achievable, but they will open up new opportunities for Australia in solar technologies, and booming clean-tech industries.

Let's put Australia at the forefront of global action and make a better future for our kids.

Yours sincerely,

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