Submission to the Garnaut Climate Change Review

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I am writing to applaud the work that the review has done so far in so thoroughly calculating the devastating impacts of climate change on the environment and the economy in the all too near future.

I urge the review to recommend whatever measures are necessary to cut carbon emissions drastically, and to foster the development of renewable and sustainable energy initiatives. I believe that we average citizens are prepared to pay more for the energy we consume, and to reduce our consumption of energy and other resources, as long as it has the desired effect of reversing climate change. Setting a firm target, in the realm of 30 per cent or even higher by 2020, is the crucial starting point. Without goals we have dreams that will never be achieved.

I am not part of an organisation. I am merely a mother who loves her child more than words could ever express. I feel compelled to play a role in this process, which is so crucial in determining the shape of the planet that we will leave all of our children.

If there are strategies to cut Australia’s emissions by 30 per cent, that we can employ today, and would cost us only one dollar per day per person to implement, then I wholeheartedly urge the review to recommend the government implement them. We desperately need government to take the lead on this. Ordinary people need to know that their small steps are part of a bigger process that can reverse the road to disaster that we are currently on.

I wish you well in making your deliberations and look forward to hearing news of your findings.

Yours sincerely Sharon Lee.