

For the Garnaut Report,

My name is Matt Dwyer, and I, like many of my friends and acquaintances are deeply concerned with the current path that Australia (and other similarly minded countries) is treading towards climate change. I am presently enrolled as a university student, and as such I am steeped in the worries of my tertiary community. I have witnessed the tireless efforts of an active minority attempting to improve the sustainability of our campus and city, but the lion's share of the population are reserved to concerned apathy. For this reason, I believe it crucial for the Australian Government to lead by example, and start making drastic improvements to our unsustainable national lifestyle.

I myself sicken at the thought of the damage humans are causing to our planet, and what may yet eventuate if we fail to alter our ways immediately. But I would swell with pride to be a citizen of a nation that led the world from the current information age into an age of enlightenment, where the human race might live in balance with our natural environment. Australia has such an opportunity to realise my hopes. Improved investment in science, and awareness of the importance and ease of sustainable living could bury the archaic ways of the industrial revolution, and massively improve sustainable growth in this country, but the Government must be made to realise the significance of their part in this tale.

I plead you to recommend drastic reductions in greenhouse emissions in the very near future, and urge you to argue with the government for the best possible result, not just a satisfactory one.

Let the international community understand that Australia intends to set previously unseen standards of environmental living from this point onwards.

Yours sincerely,
Matt Dwyer.