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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to express my firm conviction that Australia must set binding targets for reducing greenhouse pollution, based on scientific evidence, by at least 30% by 2020.

I believe this is vital for several reasons -

1. OUR ENVIRONMENT IS PRICELESS.

At current rates, climate change will have catastrophic effects on the Great Barrier Reef, the Snowy Mountains, Kakadu National Park, and many other areas. I consider that we hold these places in trust for the plant and animal species which they sustain, as well as for future human generations to marvel at. Once gone, these areas and species can never be regained. They are priceless, and we should do everything in our power to protect them from harm.

2. TIME IS RUNNING OUT.

Science tells us we have only a small (and rapidly shrinking) window in which to act. Because of this, targets set for 2050 are too long-range and ~~hard~~ to be effective. It will be too late by then. We need to make changes now.

3. THERE IS ECONOMIC GAIN TO BE HAD.

Australia has been a world leader in developing alternative, clean energy sources. By investing further in these, we can reduce greenhouse pollution, build up a new industry to add to our national economy, and conserve our unique national parks both for ourselves and for our tourists, who also contribute so much to our economy. I believe the bottom line is that we cannot have a good economy if we do not have a good place to live. We need to put our house in order by instating mandatory, evidence-based greenhouse pollution reduction targets of at least 30% by 2020.

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to this worthy review, and for your consideration of my submission. Yours faithfully,

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