

Garnaut Review Submission  
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It is very exciting for Australia and the world that you are doing this work on how we can reduce climate change. On a personal level i see that my local climate has changed. It is a lot drier than it was. The winters are not as cold. We have more hot weather in the summer. This is comparing the climate now with what i grew up with 50 years ago.

So the main point i want to make is that it is essential that Australia and the rest of the world takes action NOW to significantly reduce carbon emissions. Early action (well it is not really early, that would have been 20 years ago) is more important than perfect action. We don't know what the best thing to do is, but we do know that continuing as we are will lead to ruining the world for human beings and other species.

It is essential that the rest of the world acts as well as Australia. But if Australia is to be able to influence other countries then we must act. We are currently the world's biggest per capita emitter. And we should acknowledge the efforts of other countries, in particular China's one child policy which is the most stringent environmental policy ever introduced in the world.

I know that you will get plenty of submissions talking about renewable energy and energy efficiency. i support both. The main point i want to make is that we must start building for the new carbon limited future. All long lived infrastructure must be compatible with a 90% decrease in CO2 emissions as that is what the science says will be needed.

In particular that implies

- no new major roads
- no new airports
- new housing to be 0 emissions as has been legislated in the UK
- no new fossil fuelled electricity plants

Government at either state or federal level is always involved in these projects and can stop them if they so choose.