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Submissions
Garnaut Climate Change Review
Level 2, 1 Treasury Place
Melbourne VIC 3002

Dear Garnaut review,

I write to express my hope that the Garnaut review will fully recognise the economic benefits that await if Australia substantially increases its investment in developing solar and other emission-reduction technologies. Australia was previously at the forefront of solar cell development, but a lack of investment in research and in higher education institutions in recent years has resulted in a loss of competitive advantage.

It will be important for the Australian government to see its climate change responsibilities as providing economic opportunities and not just costs. Geographically, Australia is ideally placed to benefit from both solar and wind technologies. Increased investment will allow these technologies to be exported. Markets for emission-reduction technologies are already developed in California and parts of western Europe. Australia should aim to profit from emerging emission-reduction markets, rather than remain wedded to what will ultimately be out-dated export markets (for coal and uranium).

Thank you for your consideration,



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