

This is a submission to the Garnaut Climate Change Review

-- Australia's response to climate change must include strong measures to address our biggest

contribution to the problem – coal exports. The emissions from our exported coal are greater than all the pollution we generate within our borders. Coal exports are also our fastest growing contribution to climate change – with Australia's coal ports all undergoing major expansions.

-- Action against Australia's greenhouse pollution must be based on strong, direct intervention

against the root causes of climate change – principally fossil fuels. Weak and ineffective tools such as market mechanisms and greenhouse pollution targets set years into the future are not appropriate. Climate change is an emergency, and emergency action is required.

-- Australian governments must place an immediate moratorium on all new coal export facilities,

coal-fired power stations, and other fossil fuel infrastructure. This must be followed by the urgent development of a Just Transition Plan, to move currently coal-dependent communities and economies rapidly into a sustainable, post-carbon future.

-- Australia needs a National Climate Emergency Response Plan, to begin the rapid transition of our

society from our present high-consumption, high-polluting, unsustainable lifestyle and economy to a sustainable, post-carbon future.

Sincerely,

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