

Submission to the Climate Change Authority:

We believe that Australia's commitment to cutting emissions by 5 per cent from 2000 levels by 2020 would leave Australia lagging behind other countries including the United States, Germany, China, The UK, Norway and Sweden.

We believe that there should be a target of 25 per cent reduction in emissions by 2020, with a trajectory range of 40 to 50 per cent by 2030.

Carbon emissions reductions in our view, are most effectively achieved through carbon tax or carbon price/emissions trading scheme.

Our understanding is that Australia has not had the largest carbon 'tax' in the world, with many nations applying carbon imposts through economic measures which equate to greater than Australia's current figure.

We can find no credible evidence that 'Direct Action', as the current Government proposes, is a serious, effective means of reducing carbon emissions in this country and we believe that it should be replaced by an emissions trading scheme.

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