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**NEW DEAL PROVIDES DIRECTION**

Climate Change Australia (CCA) is hailing the outcome of the Durban climate talks as a break-through in reaching an international agreement on limiting dangerous greenhouse gas pollution.

CCA president Harry Creamer said that all countries have now agreed to negotiate an agreement by 2015, whereas up to now big polluters such as the USA and China turned up at the talks and often obstructed progress.

"It shows the Clean Energy Future legislation is exactly what we need at this time – we've made a start and we'll go to the talks early next year with our policies already worked out", Mr Creamer said.

"Even if a Liberal-National party government is elected in 2013, they will become part of an international, binding agreement to deliver. It will be absurd to try to dismantle the fair and reasonable scheme already in place, just when other nations are moving to similar, often more ambitious schemes", he said.

"The Opposition's policy of carbon farming, and putting taxpayers' money on the table, pleading with polluters to do something, is just not going to work – for the very good reason that voluntary action cannot produce defined outcomes on emission reductions, and that is what the world is now committed to".

"Meanwhile climate change will not wait – the world will go on warming, with dangerous consequences. The science says we must limit temperature rises to 2°C in order to avoid the worst impacts of climate change. We are already committed to at least 1.5°C – stopping at 2°C is looking very unlikely", Mr Creamer said.

"Countries need to keep moving on all policies leading to a cleaner future, as we are, as China is by becoming the world leader on renewable energy, fast outpacing the USA, as both China and California are by introducing carbon trading from next year, and so on", he said.

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