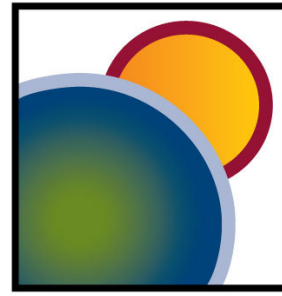


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SUBMISSION TO THE MULTI PARTY CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE ON THE CARBON PRICE

As a community climate action organisation, **we support** Government policy that will directly address and maximise the **reduction of greenhouse gas emissions** at the lowest reasonable cost to the Australian community and its businesses.

We will not support policy that does not directly target the goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

We submit the following as proposals to be considered by the MPCCC at this crucial moment in our history.

The proposed architecture for pricing carbon should include a **strategic plan** for Australia to move towards a future of zero net carbon emissions by **supporting renewable energy** infrastructure investment. This can be achieved via an appropriate **feed in tariff** mechanism and/or **loan guarantees** to investors in small, medium and large scale renewable energy projects.

Energy abatement remains the most cost effective form of emissions reduction. Significant revenue from pricing carbon should be directed to abatement at household level, particularly lower and middle income households. It is with this in mind that we propose further assistance to **replace inefficient hot water systems** that can account for over 30% of domestic power consumption and associated greenhouse gas emissions.

Such schemes could also include **rental accommodation** supplied at lower end market rent. At present, landlords have little incentive to replace aging, inefficient hot water systems, or to improve the energy efficiency of their investment property, for the benefit of their tenants.

There would be **benefits to tenant, landlord, the small scale renewable industry**, as well as further **reducing loads** on the current power supply infrastructure and **reducing greenhouse gas emissions** from the generators.

Such an abatement scheme would be **economically, socially and environmentally responsible**, and would be fully adjustable via rent levels, rebate level and ceilings on revenue allocated.

Thank you for the opportunity to be part of this important process.

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