

*One of the best overall statements comes from Professor Peter Christoff who urged "...an Australian 2020 emissions reduction target which is responsive to the findings of recent climate science and which reflects Australia's economic and technological capacities would need to be no less than 41 per cent below 2000 level, and preferably closer to 45 per cent." (Christoff, editor, *Four Degrees of Global Warming- Australia in a hot world*, p. 251). Obviously, the present target of 5 per cent is insufficient.

*Increasingly higher targets must also be set for 2030, 2040 and 2050.

*The year 2000 should be the base level for Australia and nations generally so that comparisons are easily possible.

*The methods for achieving rapid reduction should be a carbon levy or rationing system but not any form of ETS as this then becomes a money-making matter and involves a complex system of inspection and fines. The federal government's present plan of Direct Action is far too expensive, voluntary, limited, unwieldy, slow and ineffective.

*In the long run, every year of delay will cost Australia more money for both adaptation and mitigation. Renewable sources of energy are the only safe, rapidly effective and least costly methods. Australia has excellent economic potential for developing an array of renewable energy sources. These will also increase jobs in our nation and trade possibilities. Rapid switching from fossil fuels to renewables is our energy future!