

The RET must be strengthened and extended to at least 2050.

The recent report by ANU and ClimateWorks Australia, *Deep Decarbonisation in 2050: How Australia can prosper in a low carbon world* (being one part of the world-wide UN project to show how the internationally agreed critical 2 degrees heat limit can be achieved) urges a practical long-term plan. This includes the crucial point that Australia must develop at least 50 percent of our electricity from renewables by 2030. Your Authority's own advice accords with this when you warned about the present perilous situation. "The world is therefore tracking towards a more-likely-than-not-probability of exceeding 2 degrees unless there are very rapid reductions in greenhouse gas emissions." (March, 2013) We all must agree to unite on the basis of such climate science for the best possible future, and we need to move faster right now.

Please tell it like it is to the current government- the reality is that this is not the time or place for the vacillating Abbott Coalition who are so undemocratically allied with the vested fossil fuel industry and News Corp. It is utter madness for them to develop new fossil fuel mining and to dream of technological solutions such as "clean coal" and eco-engineering.

Thank you!