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Dear CCA,

I'm deeply concerned with the current government's handling and position on climate change; of denial and hesitation on climate action.

The majority of Australians want stronger action on climate change that is in line with protecting Australia's health and prosperity. This majority support has continually been reaffirmed in many polls and research, including ABC's Vote Compass that showed that 61% of Australians believe the government should do more to tackle climate change. Emissions must be reduced to zero by 2050 at the latest. The Climate Authority should make this explicit in its recommendations to the Australian Government.

I recommend that the CCA adopt a 25% emission reduction target by 2020 as a minimum short-term target. With the realistic goals in line with the science. It is clear that the risks of a +2 degree world for Australia are significant, putting Australians, our natural environment and key industries, like agriculture, at risk. Any target less, and the CCA could jeopardise the future of Australians.

Protect the CEFC, A Strong emissions trading scheme benefits the most at risk Australians of the shifting climate. A shift to an economy sourced by 100% Renewable energy is the way to go, with divestment and movement away from coal intensive industries (and CSG industries causing devastation to rural communities), causing damage to communities and contributing to carbon pollution. All Australians are relying on the government to act within their best interests. This means inaction will jeopardise the economy, environment and Australian people. I implore you to end throwing the political football and aim higher for the climate.

The IPCC report released in September 2013 made clear, yet again, that the world is warming rapidly, humans are the primary cause, and very substantial action is immediately required. In particular, the IPCC report found that a hotter climate is already increasing the frequency and severity of many extreme weather events, and is changing rainfall patterns, creating risks for human well being, the global economy and the environment.

Our children's future is your mandate.

Sincerely,
Elsa Mardones
A migrant and concerned citizen.