



Parliament Of Australia
The Senate

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Malcolm Roberts
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Dear Mr Roberts

- ① I am writing to you in regards to your letter dated 30 July 2009, raising your concerns with the IPCC and its association with the CPRS Legislation.
- ② In order to gain a comprehensive response, I forwarded your concerns to the Minister for Climate Change and Water, the Hon. Penny Wong. I have attached the response and believe that the information will be of assistance to you. I would like to thank you for bringing your concerns to the government's attention.
- ③ If you have any further enquiries of a Federal Government nature, please do not hesitate to contact the Office of Senator Claire Moore, the Senator addressing the concerns of the electorate in which you reside.

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Yours sincerely

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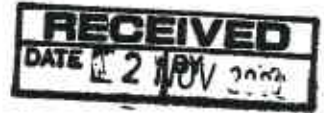
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Dear Senator Furner

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- 4 Thank you for your personal representation of 4 September 2009, on behalf of Mr Malcolm Roberts, concerning the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).
- 5 There is clear evidence that our climate is changing, due in large measure to anthropogenic greenhouse gases. In 2007 the IPCC, an international body that assesses the latest climate change research, released its Fourth Assessment Report (AR4). The AR4 concluded that 'most of the observed increase in globally-averaged temperatures since the mid 20th century is very likely due to the observed increase in anthropogenic greenhouse gas concentrations'.
- 6 The IPCC does not undertake independent research but synthesises literature that is peer-reviewed and published in scientific journals. The AR4 was compiled by 1,250 authors from over 130 countries. It is based on multiple lines of scientific evidence for climate change including observed increases in global average air and ocean temperatures, widespread melting of snow and ice, and rising global average sea level. In rigorously assessing the growing body of published material, each new IPCC Report represents a progressive strengthening of our understanding of climate change.
- 7 The IPCC AR4 also provides a synthesised and detailed analysis of climate projections for the 21st century. The models used for these projections are based on the laws of physics and can reproduce observed features of current and past climate. Climate models provide credible and quantitative estimates of future climate change, particularly at continental scales and above.
- 8 The Assessment Reports of the IPCC are subject to a comprehensive review process including both expert and government review. Review editors ensure all comments are considered and provide explanations for how the comments are treated. Comments are retained in an open access archive. Other reputable organisations, such as the Royal Society, have reached similar conclusions to the IPCC.
- 9 Addressing climate change is one of the key economic and environmental challenges facing Australia and the rest of the world. Given the risks that climate change poses to Australia, it is in our national interest to help forge an effective global response to climate change. The Australian Government has moved quickly and responsibly to establish a comprehensive framework for tackling climate change in Australia. The Government's three pillar climate change strategy seeks to reduce Australia's greenhouse gas emissions, adapt to the climate change we cannot avoid, and help shape a global solution.

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The Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme is the main driver to achieve this important environmental goal. When it commences on 1 July 2011, it will guarantee that Australia meets its expanded emissions targets of as much as a 25 per cent reduction from 2000 levels by 2020.

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Thank you for bringing Mr Roberts' concerns to my attention.

Yours sincerely



Penny Wong