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Dear Premier,

In response to the Government paper 'A climate of opportunity', I believe:

- Government policy needs to be updated to reflect the advice of the draft Garnaut report, and the latest scientific input, that more ambitious and shorter term targets need to be set for emissions reduction, so that emissions start to decline by 2010, and a 50 per cent reduction by 2020 over 1990 levels we achieved.
- We need actions that will deliver these emissions reductions and deliver a more sustainable, fairer community. We need to track Victoria's emissions and report regularly to the community on progress.
- The carbon pollution reduction scheme needs to be as broad as possible, and be supplemented by other actions such as mandatory renewable energy targets, massive increase in investment on public transport, and stricter regulation of planning of houses, suburbs and town to ensure greater sustainability (much less reliance on cars).
- We must recognise that clean coal technology may or may not be able to deliver the low carbon future we need, and therefore investment of public funds in this technology should be less than the public investment in deployment of proven renewable energy technologies and energy efficiency actions.
- Community owned renewable energy generators should continue to be encouraged by Government.
- Pricing of government accredited greenpower be investigated to ensure it is not simply a premium on top of the black energy rate, to ensure that increases in the cost of black energy are not unfairly passed on the greenpower purchasers. To illustrate, I purchase 100 per cent government accredited greenpower and pay approximately 5 cents per kWh more than the standard electricity (black power) rate. The standard electricity rate was increased earlier this year, due, I understand, to increases in generation costs associated with brown coal power stations and the drought. This means I now pay an increased rate for 100 per cent accredited greenpower.
- Partnerships with developing countries be engaged to help them (and us) adapt to climate change and develop sustainably.
- Our children deserve the best possible future and therefore strong and immediate action is required to reduce emissions.

Yours sincerely,

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