



To the Climate Change Discussion paper panel,

I appreciate the government offering us, your electors, this opportunity to comment on how WA can act on climate change.

Of most concern to me is that the WA government allows major polluters like Chevron and Woodside to claim that gas is a transition fuel to a clean energy economy when there is scientific evidence that gas extraction and transportation creates as many emissions as does coal.

Chevron is the most polluting of all the investor-owned corporations in the world (followed by ExxonMobil and BP). It is only beaten by state owned Saudi Aramco of all polluting entities. Chevron has released 43.4 bn tonnes of carbon dioxide and methane since 1965, around 10 per cent of that emitted by the top 20 companies which together account for 35% of carbon dioxide related pollution.

In other words, our action here in this jurisdiction can actually impact the global level of pollution. We owe an international obligation to require Chevron to become a good citizen - at least here in Australia.

The Barnett government had the initial courage to require these massively profitable polluters to compensate for their pollution with an offset program. This was put to one side due to the price on carbon regime introduced by the Gillard government. As we all know, Australia now has no emissions reduction policy and each state must make its own way to a commitment to the next generation, our way of life and our beautiful landscape.

The situation is so frustrating and so puzzling because it is actually a win-win. If the government has the courage and good sense to require offsets from Chevron and Woodside, the budget can increase its surplus, the opportunity for jobs and investment will grow, our farmers can take up carbon capture to restore our drought-prone land, we can invest in the technology that allows us to export sunshine overseas instead of deadly greenhouse gas emissions.

Real action on climate change will deliver thousands of new jobs and opportunities as we become part of the global solution.

I call for a comprehensive state-wide policy on climate change that includes the following at a minimum:

1. A commitment to a zero net emissions economy as soon as possible, charting out a pathway to get there
- 2) Identify and fund (with offset income) thousands of new jobs in clean industries which support a just transition for affected workers and communities.
- 3) chart a rapid transition to 100% renewable energy

- 4) Prevent any new or expanded coal, oil or gas developments in WA including LNG and fracking.
- 5) Require companies to reduce emissions and offset their climate damage by investing a portion of profits in clean industries, carbon farming and renewable energy.
- 6) Supplement carbon farming with strong protection of WA's forests and other ecosystems, rapidly transitioning away from native forest logging and clearing and developing a large-scale growth in carbon sink ecosystems.
- 7) Invest in climate adaptation programs and partnerships, including with Aboriginal people and communities, farmers, local governments, businesses and other sectors.

Thank you for considering this submission.

Yours sincerely,

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