From: Vicministers Agents [mailto:premier@dpc.vic.gov.au]
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Subject: Your email to the Premier

Thank you for your email to the Premier following the release of the findings of the Review of the Climate Change Act 2010.

As you may be aware, section 19 of the Climate Change Act 2010 required the Victorian Government to commission a review of the Act if the Commonwealth introduced carbon price legislation, and accordingly an independent review has been carried out.

The findings of the review strongly support a single national approach to emissions reduction, and indicate that a state target should not be maintained, now that legislation for the Commonwealth Government's national carbon price scheme has been passed.

The review also found that a 20 per cent target meant Victoria would subsidise other States to reduce emissions, and economic modelling suggests that even with the introduction of the Commonwealth Government's carbon tax, maintaining the 20 per cent target would cost Victorian taxpayers at least an additional $2.2 billion.

The Victorian Coalition Government is committed to addressing the impacts of climate change, and will continue with elements of the Act that are complementary to national action, including:

- preparing a four-year Climate Change Adaptation Plan;
- developing guidelines for government business and community on considering climate change in decision-making; and
- supporting Victorians in efforts to offset emissions and participate in the Carbon Farming Initiative.

The review's findings will help to provide clarity around how Victoria can best respond to the challenges of climate change, without resorting to spending large amounts of Victorian taxpayers' money, and without the unnecessary duplication of efforts that would come with maintaining both state and national emissions reduction targets.

Thank you for taking the time to write to me about this important matter.

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