

Even the barely informed average Joe realizes that we are pillaging the planet at the expense of all other life. We are causing global level extinction and destroying the natural beauty that makes our world special. We are cutting off our nose to spite our face in our short sighted rush to rip out resources and endlessly consume – including, grossly over-harvesting life from the world’s oceans. The pollution we cause – carbon emissions and plastics to name just two – is rapidly killing us – these are scientific facts, not misinformed beliefs – as someone who studies Antarctic ecosystems, I do understand.

But we have the solutions that will provide benefit to the vast majority of people and not just line the pockets of the tiny proportion of super rich, and in the process protect our environment and the biodiversity that has evolved over several billion years – much of which we are still to discover. Renewables can provide our energy needs without burning fossil fuels (or developing nuclear) – energy that is sustainable and will provide the needs for all Australians now and well into the future.

We must elevate ourselves above the vested interests of businesses that want to exploit our environment for their own short-term interests. As educated members of society and as government leaders, I implore you to increase protection for the marine environment that you preside over – look after the wild-life, give Australians back something to dream about, and play a pivotal role in providing a healthy future for all.

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