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## A LITTLE LESS CLIMATE POINT SCORING, A LITTLE MORE ACTION PLEASE

The Democrats Lead Senate Candidate for SA has today warned the Government and Opposition against engaging in an increasingly dangerous game of brinkmanship with climate change instead of dealing with the greatest modern threat to human civilisation.

*“Australians are calling for action and plans to tackle Climate Change head on rather than the daily point scoring ritual we are seeing from the old parties,” said Ruth Russell, Lead Senate Candidate for SA.*

Under Kyoto, Australia was the only country allowed to increase its emissions by 8% above 1990 levels and, according to the Australian Greenhouse Office, without major changes we will not meet this target. Our emissions are also set to blow out to 127% of 1990 levels by 2020.

*“The Democrats are committed to a 30% cut (from 1990 levels) in Greenhouse emissions by 2020 and 60-90% by 2050, an increase in the Renewable Energy target to 25% by 2020 (increasing to 50% by 2030), a carbon emissions trading scheme and energy efficiency targets and trading along with more support for research and development of low emissions technology.”*

*“The Democrats action plan leaves the old parties behind whilst they are still bickering about who has the best renewable energy target.”*

*“We are yet to see a cohesive plan from either of the old parties as Labor continues to be confused over the post-Kyoto agreement and the Government not having set any targets for Greenhouse reductions.”*

*“With all this happening, how can Australians be confident that its Government will ever address the Climate crisis?” Concluded Ms. Russell*

### **Democrats Energy and Climate Action Plan**

[http://www.democrats.org.au/docs/ActionPlans/Environment\\_Energy\\_2007.pdf](http://www.democrats.org.au/docs/ActionPlans/Environment_Energy_2007.pdf)

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