

Mr Alex Peters (sic)
Climate Change Balmain-Rozelle

Dear Mr Peters

Thank you for your recent email on behalf of Climate Change Balmain-Rozelle, urging action to mitigate climate change.

The NSW Government is strongly committed to actions which reduce greenhouse emissions and combat global climate change. NSW was the first jurisdiction in Australia to set greenhouse gas reduction targets. In late November 2005 the NSW Greenhouse Plan was released, a copy of which is attached for your information. The main objectives of this Plan are to:

- § Increase awareness among those expected to be most affected by the impacts of climate change;
- § Begin to develop adaptation strategies to those climate change impacts we cannot avoid;
- § Put New South Wales on track to meeting its targets of limiting 2025 emissions to 2000 levels; and reducing emissions by 60 percent by 2050.

Your email makes reference to renewable energy. I recognise that increasing the uptake of renewables will be an important contributor to achieving the NSW greenhouse targets. Certainly we can do more to promote renewables, which is why NSW is in the process of implementing the default 10 per cent Green Power policy as outlined in the NSW Greenhouse Plan.

Existing initiatives instituted by this Government to promote the uptake of renewable and low emissions generation include:

- § Extending the NSW Greenhouse Gas Abatement Scheme to 2020, and then extending it on a 15 year rolling basis if agreement on a national approach is delayed; and
- § Established an Energy Savings Fund, which will provide financial support, primarily on a contestable basis, for energy savings measures and stimulate investment in innovative energy savings measures.

I hope this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

Morris Iemma MP
Premier