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It was not unexpected that President Joe Biden, when he came to power in the USA, would re-join the Paris Climate Accord and promote the concept of "Net-Zero Emissions of Carbon Dioxide (CO2) by 2050" for America and of course, the rest of the World.

Latest media reports indicate that you, as Prime Minister, are now prepared to adopt net-zero emissions by 2050 for Australia but it is just a matter of when and how. At this point a "technology investment roadmap approach" seems to be the Government's preferred course. This plan prioritises reducing CO2 emissions over low cost, reliable energy and has been described as a "road to nowhere" and "just delusional leading to higher energy cost, complexity and regulation". (McCormack C, News Weekly, June 13 and October 17, 2020.) The concept of Net-Zero emissions of CO2 is scientifically flawed as illustrated in the attached "CNI FACT SHEET – CARBON DIOXIDE (CO2)" This demonstrates that CO2 is necessary for plant, animal and human life on Earth; CO2 is not a pollutant and does not warm the Earth. The World needs more CO2 NOT less as CO2 is currently at near starvation levels. No climate scientist has ever refuted this CO2 Fact Sheet.

Not only is the concept scientifically flawed, in Australia's case it is economically unsustainable as demonstrated in the Attachment "Net-Zero Greenhouse Gas emissions by 2050? –No Way!" Even if Australia did achieve net-zero emissions, at the huge cost outlined **it would not make one iota of difference to the temperature of the Earth**". This paper also demonstrates why Australia should withdraw from the Paris Agreement.

For Australia to withdraw from the Paris Agreement would create tension with a number of countries with whom Australia would wish to maintain cooperative relationships. The responsibility of the Australian Government however, is to rebuild Australia as a self-reliant, secure sovereign nation. Australia must put in place strategies that will drive down Australia's reliable electricity prices to around the lowest level in the World as they were before the drive to taxpayer subsidised, unreliable renewables. The FACT Sheet CO2, referred to above details strategies to achieve this with a focus on clean coal technology, coal fired power stations and possibly, small modular nuclear power stations. CNI is not alone in this strategy and I refer you to "The Wentworth Report, Stop the Climate Stupidity, David Archibald, 29 January, 2019" and "There is no climate emergency" – [guusberkhout@clintel.org](mailto:guusberkhout@clintel.org) both of which validate our claims.

Respectfully, CNI urges you and your Government to face up to the scientific facts of the benefit of CO2 and reject the erroneous climate modelling by the IPCC. In our view, your Government does not have a mandate from the Australian people for a net-zero emissions reduction policy and must not take any CO2 emissions reduction policy to the UNFCCC Climate Summit in Glasgow in November, 2021. The proper course is to give formal notice to withdraw from the Paris Agreement.

We look forward to your adoption of our proposals

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