

RECOMMENDATIONS

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Emissions reduction goals—short-term targets and longer term guidance		
A minimum 2020 emissions reduction target of 15 per cent below 2000 levels.	R.5	124
Australia’s carryover from the first commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol be used to raise the 2020 emissions reduction target by 4 percentage points, giving a 2020 target of 19 per cent.	R.6	124
An indicative national trajectory for the period 2013–2020 that follows a straight line to the 2020 target. This line starts at Australia’s first commitment period target under the Kyoto Protocol (108 per cent of 1990 levels) in 2010, and ends at 19 per cent below 2000 levels in 2020.	R.7	124
A national carbon budget for the period 2013–2020 of 4,193 Mt CO ₂ -e.	R.8	124
Beyond 2020, Australia continue to reduce emissions within a trajectory range bounded by the paths to 40 and 60 per cent below 2000 levels in 2030.	R.9	126
A national carbon budget for the period 2013–2050 of 10.1 Gt CO ₂ -e.	R.4	117
Periodic review of goals		
The trajectory range and the national budget to 2050 be reviewed at least every five years. There could be additional reviews to take account of major developments; for example, in 2016 to take account of international developments on the post-2020 framework. As part of these reviews, the trajectory range would be extended to maintain a similar period of guidance over time, and short-term targets and trajectories would be set within the existing range.	R.1	106
The periodic reviews of the trajectory range and the national budget to 2050 have particular regard to the following general criteria—changes in or new information about climate science, the level and pace of international action, and economic factors.	R.2	106

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Actions to achieve goals		
The government use international emissions reductions to bridge any gap between domestic reductions achieved under the Direct Action Plan and the recommended 2020 goals.	R.11	186
The government establish a fund to purchase Clean Development Mechanism units to complement the Direct Action Plan and help meet the recommended 2020 goals.	R.12	186
The government investigate the near-term introduction of fleet-average CO ₂ emissions standards for light vehicles in Australia as a way to secure significant, cost-effective emissions reductions and related co-benefits.	R.10	166
Implementation matters		
The government recognise voluntary action by cancelling one Kyoto Protocol unit for each tonne of emissions reductions achieved in the period 2013–2020 through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the voluntary cancellation of domestic units, • the voluntary cancellation of renewable energy certificates, and • GreenPower purchases. 	R.3	109
Carbon pollution caps for each of the first five years of the flexible-price period under the carbon pricing mechanism of:	R.13	199
Year	Cap (Mt CO ₂ -e)	
2015–16	234	
2016–17	228	
2017–18	222	
2018–19	215	
2019–20	209	