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Dear ~~Mr Roberts~~ *Malcolm,*

Thank you for your letter of 4<sup>th</sup> February 2013 forwarding your research paper into what I will loosely call *Climate Change*.

You will be aware of our firm and unequivocal commitment to abolish the Carbon Tax and to get rid of the Department of Climate Change and all of those agencies, advertising bureaus, and programs associated with it. This alone will contribute to many of the savings that we will as a government, need to make. I believe that all policy options including that on renewable energy (which was incidentally introduced by our government!) should be the subject of ongoing review and I am sure this will happen.

Your call of an open and impartial enquiry into the corruption of climate science is noted. I believe public debate over the next few years will lead us to some form of enquiry along these lines.

I agree with you and your paper that there is a real "climate change industry" and researchers understand that to get any science grants these days from the current government, you have to say something about climate change. You better than I, are aware of the enormous amounts of taxpayers money spent by the current government on advertising and promotion of their view on climate change.

I think the recent research from the UK Met Office and the comments even by the head of the UNIPCC would allow for much more open debate in Australia.

As you indicate you may be posting responses, I won't say too much more at this stage but you may be aware that I keep in regular contact with Professor Bob Carter.

You should be aware that my very long standing position on climate change is that I acknowledge that the climate is changing as it has done for millions of years now. I always point out that Australia was once covered in ice and that at some time the centre of Australia was a lush tropical rain forest, so clearly the climate has been changing over time. My hesitation has always been that I am yet to be convinced that the activities of human beings impact adversely on climate change. I am always prepared to keep an open mind on anything but I am now and have always been totally opposed to the stupidity of trying to tax Australia's emissions to save the world when Australia's emissions are less than 1.4% of total global carbon emissions.

Yours sincerely

Ian Macdonald  
26<sup>th</sup> February 2013