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Submission to the Climate Change Authority regarding  
Issues Paper: Tracking and achieving Australia's emissions reduction targets  
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Darebin Climate Action Now (DCAN) is a local community not-for-profit organisation of City of Darebin residents of diverse ages and backgrounds who are concerned about the climate emergency. We work to educate ourselves and our local community about the causes of the climate emergency and the required responses, and actively encourage all three levels of government to adopt the policy changes that are now urgently needed to ensure a safe climate future. Over 4,500 DCAN supporters have taken action in support of a stronger Government response to this crisis.

On the basis of the current climate science, DCAN is committed to a rapid but socially just transition to a zero carbon economy and draw-down of the excess greenhouse gases in the atmosphere. Climate science indicates that the CCA needs to recommend much more ambitious goals than those reflected in the Issues Paper.

DCAN argues that:

- The minimum emission reductions target that is acceptable as Australia's NDC is 75% by 2035;
- There is no room for any new coal and gas projects – no further approvals should be granted;
- Roadmaps to a rapid reduction in emissions are needed urgently for every sector
- Methane is a potent greenhouse gas - the term 'fossil gas' should replace 'natural gas' in all CCA communications, and the government must as a matter of urgency measure and regulate venting of methane.

We ask that you take a strong and courageous stand on these issues, for the sake of future generations and the health of the natural environment.

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