



Australian Government  
Department of Climate Change  
and Energy Efficiency

# Developed country mitigation: improving understanding and Australia's contribution

Mitigation Workshops – April 2011



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# Australia's 2020 targets & conditions

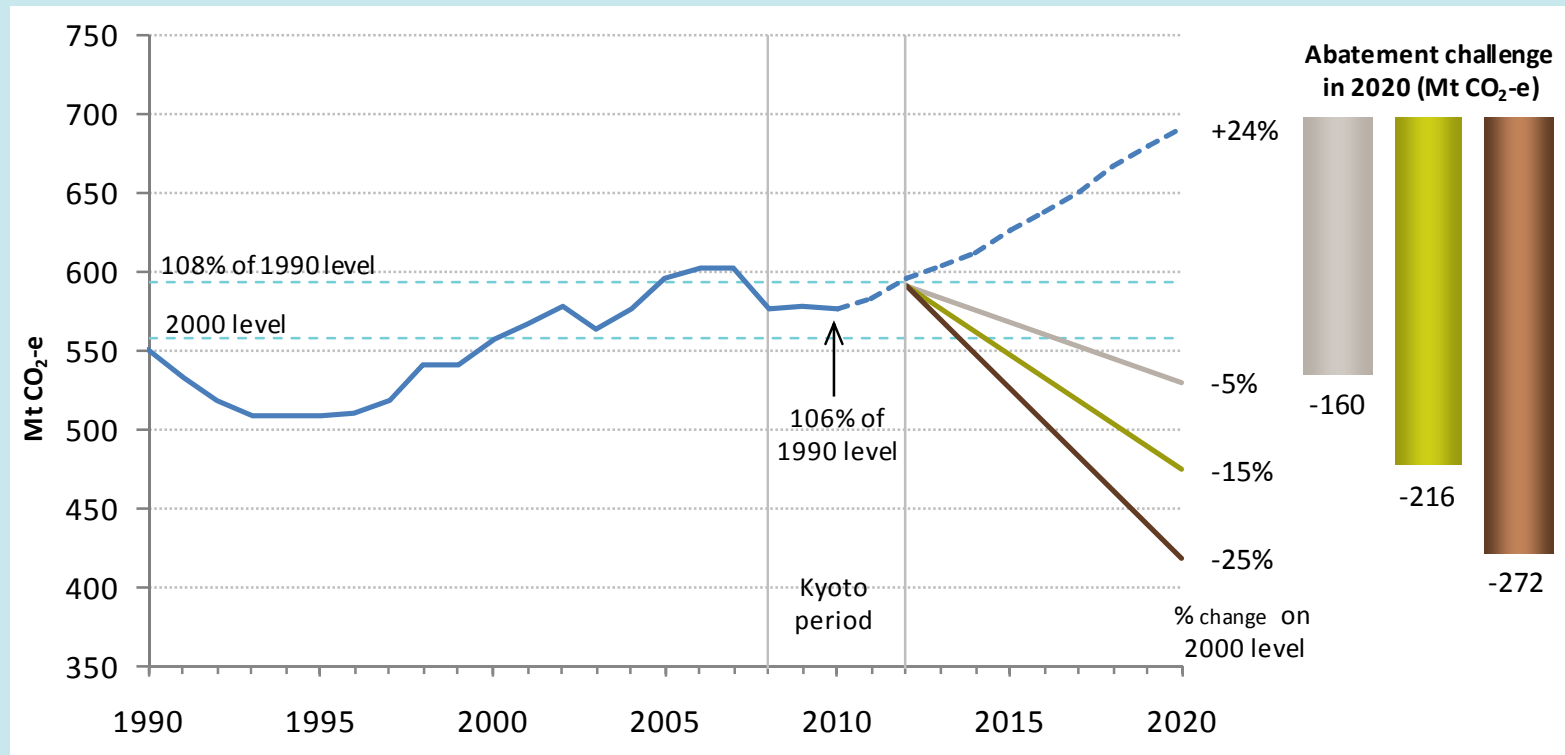
- Between 5-15% below 2000 levels
  - 5% below: minimum (**unconditional**) commitment
  - Up to 15% below :
    - global agreement
    - all major economies substantially restrain emissions
    - advanced economies take on commitments comparable to Australia's
- Or 25% below 2000 levels
  - an ambitious global deal capable of stabilising levels of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent at 450 parts per million or lower



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# Australia's Mitigation Challenge to 2020



Updated projections available at:

<http://www.climatechange.gov.au/publications/projections/australias-emissions-projections.aspx>



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# A Full Suite of Measures

- Existing Measures:
  - National Renewable Energy Target – 20 per cent by 2020
  - Clean Energy Initiative
  - Energy Efficiency
  - National Greenhouse & Energy Reporting Legislation
  
- New Measures
  - Carbon Farming Initiative
  
- Future: Carbon Price



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# Carbon Pricing

## ■ Political

- Multi-party Climate Change Committee

## ■ Policy Analysis

- Treasury Modelling
- Productivity Commission
- Garnaut Review

## ■ Outreach

- Climate Commission
- Business and Non Government Round Tables



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# Workshops - Important Elements

- Clarify what targets and actions mean:
  - What is the baseline, and how is it determined?
  - What emissions does the target cover?
  - Will international offsets be used?
  - If a target is conditional, what are the conditions?
- Develop an MRV framework to track our efforts



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# Conclusion

## ■ Our goal

- lock in our pledges, build understanding, increase ambition

## ■ Our Challenge

- balance the need to be flexible and accommodate all-comers without becoming overly complex



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