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KEY AUSTRALIAN PRINCIPLES ON CLIMATE CHANGE  
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Australia recognises the significance of climate change and the need to take domestic and global action. Australia's commitments on climate change include:

- A commitment to work with other countries to develop an effective global long-term response that is environmentally effective, economically efficient and socially responsible, which includes all major emitters, including through the United National Framework Convention on Climate Change and other linkages such as the Asia Pacific Partnership for Clean Development and Climate;
- A commitment to a strong domestic program of action that delivers significant emissions savings. Projections show that by 2010, the equivalent of 94 million tones of carbon dioxide will be abated annually, which is equivalent to removing all greenhouse emissions from our transport sector. This program of action has resulted in Australia being on track to meet the target we negotiated at Kyoto;
- A commitment to supporting the development and deployment of technologies to help meet the long-term challenge of climate change. Australia is taking a leading role both independently and as part of plurilateral initiatives in developing low and zero emission technologies, particularly in energy generation and energy efficiency, as well as supporting ongoing research, development, commercialization and deployment of renewable energy systems;
- A commitment to developing and implementing climate change adaptation measures. Australia actively supports a range of adaptation initiatives domestically and within the region.