Dear EPA,

I'm really glad to FINALLY see such a strong draft document and that the EPA has a legal duty to protect the community and environment from harm caused by climate change… finally something that acknowledges the danger we are in!

I, and my 4 year old daughter are survivors of climate change. We lost our home in the 'Black Saturday' bushfires in 2009. Isn't it strange to have to point out which fire devastated my community? Sadly, now there are now so many…

But I know, this was nothing compared to what could be lost if we don't properly regulate GHGs to drastically bring down emissions this NOW!!
We have no time to lose. This plan is a good start but it has to go further!!!

Seeing companies continue to make a profit polluting our planet and worsening climate change makes me furious!And I feel helpless.
If I could see a clear plan, with more specific information about how industries will be required to regulate their emissions for bringing CO2 down I'd feel more hopeful and safe.

Please help us protect the places where we love to live.

My community is exhausted by repeated climate events… storms, bushfires, floods… all in the space of 12 years. It's just exhausting. We make beautiful places, but always in the back of our minds is 'will it all just be taken away?'

Please address the issues and be AMBITIOUS about the outcomes. We have to be! Take the learnings from my community. We came together and forged the road to recovery ourselves. Please look at creating partnerships with communities affected by climate disasters to ensure initiatives are needed, relevant and effective.

Thank you.
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