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BY EMAIL: [REDACTED]

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## Re: Federal Election Youth Policies

Dear Ms. Siejka and Mr. [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 5 August 2010, seeking a 250-word summary of my youth policies for your *Youth Voters' Handbook*.

Your request that my response specifically reflect my party's platform is problematical, as The Climate Sceptics Party does not have predetermined policies on these issues. In such cases, candidates from our Party that are successful in being elected to Parliament have three guiding principles:

1. Obtain the best possible scientific evidence.
2. Ensure that the views of ordinary Australians are sought and heeded.
3. Allow our Members of Parliament to facilitate or lead the public debate, regardless of any differences of opinion they may have.

I am therefore happy to provide my own personal opinions on this issue for inclusion in your *Handbook*. As noted above, these do not necessarily represent the views of The Climate Sceptics Party or any of its endorsed candidates.

Please let me know if the following summary is suitable for your *Handbook*:

The Climate Sceptics Party does not have predetermined youth policies, but rather allows candidates successfully elected to Parliament to follow their conscience, after considering the evidence, and seeking and heeding the opinions of their constituents. My opinions, therefore, are as follows: I believe that 18 is the right voting age. I agree with reforming enrolment procedures including online enrolment, and increased focus on compulsory education in civics. I strongly believe in boosting funding for mental health, especially for early intervention and prevention, across all age groups. I believe that investment in education at all levels is crucial to our nation's future, and, while members of the Federal Parliament have limited power over compulsory education — being primarily a responsibility of State governments — the continued shift to greater Federal contributions to schools gives Senators more scope to improve these services. I believe that schemes that provide a better future for young people are crucial to our future, including apprenticeship and traineeship incentives, and suitable assistance as they prepare for and enter the job market. In addition to this, I hold grave fears for those young people just entering the job market, as continued deterioration in the world economy increases the possibility of massive job losses across the Australian community, and overseas precedents suggest that it is the young who will bear the brunt of these cuts. If elected as a Senator for Tasmania, I will promote and defend the rights of all young Australians to a stable and secure future.

Again, I thank you for seeking my views on these important issues. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

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