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AUSTRALIA FOR CLIMATE ACTION

Duty of Care Bill 2024 to Federal Members

Hon Richard Marles MP

Member for Corio

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Dear Hon Richard Marles MP

I am an Australian voter and I am writing to you as my local Member of Parliament to request that you support decisive climate action. Many of us from a range of environmental and community groups have been sending Letitions across Australia over the last several months to make the case for much stronger climate action.

I am writing to urge you to support the call for a legally mandated duty of care to be enshrined into legislation by the government to protect Australian children and future generations. The Australian government [owes young Australians a duty of care](#) by considering the impacts of climate change when assessing all environmental planning and future projects.

Global temperatures have been exceeding 1.5 degrees and scientists are now warning we could be facing out of control warming between 1.5 and 2 degrees. I am deeply worried about the future for the next generation and the broader community who are now inheriting this massive environmental, economic, social and health problem.

If we continue on our current trajectory, our children will suffer immensely from the effects of climate change. It is predicted that one million of today's children will require hospitalisation from heat stress, thousands will die from heatstroke and bushfire smoke, and they will increasingly be hit even harder by fires and flooding as conditions worsen. [Climate change will cost Australia](#) hundreds of billions of dollars and our young people will bear those costs.

Despite the evidence, Labor Environment Minister Tanya Plibersek and Resources Minister Madeline King have approved several new fossil fuel projects and extensions to existing ones in the past year. Minister King has approved 1.5 billion dollars to develop a petrochemical facility at the Middle Arm project in the N.T. In addition Minister King is also seeking new powers which would override the Environment Minister giving them sole discretion over all future gas projects.

Our elected officials have a moral obligation to protect our children, however at the moment they do not have a legal one - as illustrated by the overturning of the Sharma case. [The judges stated](#) the duty of care case was "based on the incorrect conclusion that human safety was an implied mandatory statutory condition under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act." The court said although the threat of climate change is indisputable, it is the government's job - not the court's - to set policy on climate change.

We are sending Letitions directly to all Parliamentarians and asking all Federal Members Parliament to support and vote in support of the Duty of Care Bill and fulfill the need for legislation which protects our children from the threat of climate change.

Will you support this Bill and meet with us to discuss this serious matter?

Thank you. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

Signed by _____

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