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## AUSTRALIA FOR CLIMATE ACTION

### Don't transfer Oil and Gas from Environment Ministry

Hon Richard Marles MP

Member for Corio

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Date: 2-Apr-2024

Dear Hon Richard Marles MP

**From:**

Name: ...

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**SAMPLE**

I note that there has been a recent proposal to amend legislation relating to the approval of offshore oil and gas developments. I understand that it has been proposed that responsibility for approval of new offshore oil and gas developments should be transferred from the Ministry of Environment and Water to the Resources Ministry. I understand that the changes would lessen the need to consult with Traditional Owners and local indigenous peoples and would mean that environment concerns are of lesser consideration when assessing projects.

It is unthinkable that we would shift to a system in which the input of Traditional owners isn't afforded a high priority. With the failure of the Voice referendum, representation from Traditional Owners is more important than ever and we must respect their care for country over the past millennia and their ongoing close relationship to country.

Furthermore, at a time when the World Meteorologic Organisation has noted that worldwide temperatures have already risen by close to 1.5 degrees it is critical that environmental concerns are central in all decision making. Similarly given our track record on extinctions and environmental degradation it is also crucial that we protect our remaining flora and fauna. A balance has to be struck between resource and environmental concerns and it is imperative that the Ministry of Environment and Water continues to have a central role in evaluating potential new projects.

Given the worsening climate crisis the IPCC and other bodies have clearly stated that we should not allow further fossil fuel developments and the proposed changes sidestep existing regulations and undermine Australia's commitment to credibly and genuinely reduce emissions.

I strongly urge you to oppose these changes and ask that you respond to me with your views regarding this issue. A public meeting to inform us of these changes is a must.

Yours sincerely

Signed by \_\_\_\_\_

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Richard, you have children yourself. Please get your priorities right and make the right decisions that will help decarbonise Australia, instead of only looking at where the fast profits can be made - and ignoring the future of our children and generations to come.